



Spirit of Sutterby
Programme
Autumn/Winter 2015



'The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there'
L.P.Hartley

Welcome to our main programme of events for Autumn/Winter 2015. Our investigations over the last 12 months have opened up new, intriguing and exciting research opportunities for the future. Whether your interest lies in deciphering documents, learning new crafts or just attending talks and workshops we hope that there is something of interest for you. Some events are open to all, others need to be booked and some are only open to project volunteers. You will see that these latter events are normally practical workshops, where the numbers have to be limited. Our initial Heritage Lottery Funding via the Down Your Wold project has now finished, so please be aware that there will be a cost for most events. As fast as we put together what we feel is the final selection of events, something else turns up! The following programme details events and workshops up until December with tantalising glimpses of what we have in store for you in 2016... We have managed to entice a number of new speakers, who are willing to share their knowledge and expertise with the Sutterby Horde and amazingly some of our previous speakers have agreed, and indeed asked, to return... So herewith follows our new programme. Please know that you are most welcome to attend as many as you wish and indeed we look forward to seeing you at some point. Any queries, please don't hesitate to be in contact.

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Tools & toil
Saturday, September 5th 2pm-5pm
All Saints Church, Old Church Lane, Great Steeping PE3 5PR
£2.50 to include tea.

All welcome, but booking requested.

Using examples from his own collection, Dr Mike Morgan will provide an illustrative, practical introduction to implements and utensils of yore - both agricultural and domestic.

No exam, but there will be the opportunity to test your knowledge with a 'Whatever can they have used that for?' quiz.

Tea will be served at Old Church Farm.

How to make an illuminated manuscript
Saturday, September 12th
Franklin Hall, Spilsby 2.30pm
£5 to include refreshments
All welcome

An illustrated talk with art historian Dr Maureen Ille.

Illuminated manuscripts - works of art, but how were they made?

Maureen Ille will take us on a step-by-step journey through from animals grazing in the field to completion of a magnificent illuminated manuscript.

Featuring the Luttrell Psalter and the Book of Kells, a chance to learn about these beautiful documents.

Bricks: an everyday story of building materials.
Tuesday, September 15th
Sausthorpe Village Hall, 7.30pm
£3 to include refreshments
All welcome.

An illustrated talk by Dave Start.

The history of local bricks and brick making is a surprisingly interesting one... Increase your knowledge and train your eye. You may never view buildings in the same way again.

Mud & Stud : then and now
Sunday, September 27th
Ash Holt, nr Alford 2pm - 4.30pm
£3.50

Booking required. Numbers limited.

An afternoon with Rob Ley - a local master craftsman. Rob is presently constructing 3 mud and stud buildings at Ash Holt, a wood near Alford. Rob has agreed to demonstrate some of the traditional woodworking techniques used in the construction of these unique Lincolnshire buildings. With risk assessment in place, there may be an opportunity to apply mud with a daubing fork...

Boothby Pagnell Manor House: a masterpiece of mediaeval architecture
Wednesday, September 30th

Meet at Boothby Pagnell Village Hall 1.30pm

Talk and tour with Dave Start

£5 to include refreshments

Booking required. Numbers limited

We have yet to discover the Manor House at Sutterby, but this visit will ensure that we are ready and mentally prepared for if that moment arrives!! Dave will give an introductory, illustrated talk on mediaeval buildings, which will be followed by a tour of Boothby Pagnell Manor House.

Sutterby: the written word
Saturday, October 3rd.

Franklin Hall, Spilsby 2.30pm

Free. Refreshments provided.

All welcome

Over the last year a lot of documents have been perused and deciphered and out of the vellum and the dust the past villagers of Sutterby have started to appear. You are cordially invited to come along and become acquainted with them - through writings and records, wills and inventories. This afternoon is an opportunity to learn how our villagers lived, and died, in times past and also the chance to learn what research remains to be done. There is a lot of information about Sutterby still waiting to be uncovered.

Kirkstead Abbey: the rise and fall.

Wednesday, October 7th 1.30pm

Kirkstead Education Centre.

Illustrated talk followed by a tour of St Leonard's Chapel

With Dave Start

£3 to include refreshments

The church at Sutterby, whilst not of monastic origin, was gifted to nuns in Chester in 1219 and indeed was surrounded by monastic institutions, such as Kirkstead Abbey. St Leonard's Chapel is the *capella ante portas* of the great Cistercian house and is an exquisite, tiny Early English church.

This is the first of a number of talks, which will be putting Sutterby into its local, historical context.

Sutterby: maps and things

Saturday, October 24th 2.30pm

Franklin Hall, Spilsby

Free. Refreshments provided

All welcome

Up to now the focus of our documentary research has been on the written word. This event sees the launch of our research into the world of estate maps, OS maps, parish boundaries, aerial photos - the fascinating world of cartography and topography. No need to be able to read a grid reference, many of these documents can just be appreciated as works of art.

St John the Baptist - the story of the stones.

A stone tooling workshop with Professor David Stocker

Wednesday, October 28th. 10am - 4pm

Langton Village Hall and St John the Baptist, Sutterby

There may be a cost for this event

Limited numbers - booking essential. Project volunteers only.

What can be learned from the actual stones of the church? In fact how they were worked and what tools were used can provide important clues to the dates and phases of the building. Professor Stocker has offered an all day workshop where we will be learning about stone tooling, reviewing photographs of the recently excavated stones to see what we can discern and then we will have a hands-on session finding and recording tooling marks from around the church. Of particular interest to those involved with the recent dig, but this event is open to all volunteers.

Friends of Friendless Churches
An illustrated talk by Dr. Richard Halsey
Saturday, November 7th. 2.30pm
Franklin Hall, Spilsby
£3 to include refreshments
All welcome.

For many of us our first introduction to this evocatively named charity was by way of our church at Sutterby. St John the Baptist is one of only 2 churches vested in FFC in Lincolnshire. Dr Richard Halsey, a trustee of the charity, joins us to put Sutterby into its charitable context and to look at the broader role of the charity itself.

Buried in time:
A look at changing burial customs from prehistoric to mediaeval
An illustrated and illustrative talk by Antony Lee
Tuesday, November 10th. 7pm
Franklin Hall, Spilsby
£3 to include refreshments
All welcome

Antony Lee, Collections Access Officer at The Collection, will be talking about the changing and evolving world of burial practices. He has kindly agreed to bring along some artefacts from The Collection for us to view, so if you have never seen or handled a prehistoric funerary urn this is your opportunity!

Spirit of Sutterby:
Biennial review...
Friday, November 20th 7.30pm
Franklin Hall, Spilsby
Free. Seasonal refreshments provided
All welcome.

It will be 2 years since we on the Steering Group peered tentatively out of the doors of the Franklin Hall to see if anyone would be interested in being involved in a local heritage project.... What have we been up to? What have we discovered? Where are we going? A chance for the Sutterby Horde to get together and celebrate its past achievements. A time to re-group ready for the next exciting phase of events and research.
