



HLF 'SPECIAL EVENT' SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH Last year – as most of you are well aware! – the Group received a Heritage Lottery Fund grant for an 'All Our Stories' project centred on the Second World War. As part of this project, a 'Special Event' was held on October 19th at The Barn Theatre, Little Easton. There was an exhibition featuring artefacts, documents, photographs and stories, representing some of the experiences of ordinary people in Tilty and the surrounding villages during the war. There was also a staged re-enactment of a BBC radio programme from Christmas Day 1940 (abridged for performance), part of which was originally broadcast from Tilty Village Hall.



Everyone was made welcome and the Barn Theatre was soon full, as a small part of history was brought to life. Live music followed, provided by a woodwind quartet, and then by The Phoenix Ukulele Band, who played songs from the forties for a sing-along. Excellent 'vintage teas' were served to all at no charge, but voluntary contributions raised £178 for the Royal British Legion.

It was good to see so many people at this event, and there have been many positive comments about it from those who attended. Many thanks to everybody who contributed to the success of the day, including those who decorated the barn, set up

the exhibition, participated in the re-enactment (both on and off stage), provided and served up the refreshments, played a ukulele or a hand-bell, joined in the sing-song, or just came along to join us!

This has been an interesting year for our Group, and the HLF project has helped to involve people in exploring and sharing their local heritage in a variety of ways. A full report about it all (with many more photographs of 'The Event'), together with the material collected and collated for the project, will be available in due course via the Group's website. The website address is: www.tiltyhistoryprojects.co.uk It should be live from the end of the month – an announcement will be made!

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING (on Tuesday 10th) was well attended, particularly as the date clashed with some sporting fixture or other. {Football World Cup Qualifier, apparently; England qualified.} **ALF WRIGHT** delivered an entertaining and informative presentation on the subject of local writers, artists, and other famous residents of villages in the Five Parishes. A wide range of well-known people have lived in the neighbourhood, and Alf's talk ranged from the splendours, scandals and sophistications of the Edwardian period, to poets, writers and painters of later decades – including S.L. Bensusan, John Pudney and Sir George Clausen. He concluded with some fascinating anecdotes about more recent personalities, and supervised a lively Q&A session; many thanks to Alf for a most enjoyable evening.

PUBS & PILLBOXES WALK

To be led by Alf Wright

This has been postponed until the Spring – date to be advised, most probably March.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday November 12th 2013

Darren Stone – presentation on history of mills linked to Tilty Abbey.

Tuesday January 14th 2014

AGM + New Year Drinks + Mini-presentations

Plans are in hand for next year's programme, but if you have any suggestions or ideas for speakers or subjects, please email -- tilty.archaeology@gmail.com