

**OPEN DAY AT THAXTED GUILDHALL, SATURDAY AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>** The exhibition went very well. Just over a hundred visitors came to take a look, and there was some very positive feedback, including great comments in the Visitors' Book. People really enjoyed looking at the exhibits and displays, which included photographs, documents and some of the 'finds' from the test-pit digs. The exhibition was set out on both floors of the Guildhall – see photographs below – and featured a wide range of subjects reflecting the varied activities and interests of the Group over the last few years.

The Guildhall is a beautiful building which provided a great venue for this kind of exhibition, and we were very grateful for the opportunity to use it for our Open Day. Many thanks again to all those who helped out on the day, and to everyone who provided displays and materials. Rebecca came up with the idea of holding the exhibition, back in March, and she did a particularly good job on 'front of house' on the day!



The Open Day was primarily about showcasing the Group's work, but we also had a jar for donations which generated £85 for Group funds. This included proceeds from the "Find the Monk's Silver" game, which was won by Angela Fowell; the monk had buried the monastery's silverware in the vineyard!



David, Cec and Terry in front of Cec's display on the life of the Rev. Cuthbertson



Linda supervising access to Alf's collection of material relating to local villages



PowerPoint presentations, films and displays about Tilty Abbey, WW1 and WWII

## GENERAL MEETINGS

Peter Layzell, a lecturer and local historian, gave a presentation on the Essex Regiment in WWI at our **JULY MEETING**. Peter provided a fascinating account of the build-up to war, and brought to life the experiences of the ordinary men who volunteered – or were conscripted – to fight in The Great War. The presentation included photographs of life at the front, articles from publications of the time, and extracts from letters and diaries. Explaining the information set out on Medal Index Cards, Peter took as an example the card belonging to Private Frederick Perry, who died on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916 – the first day of the Battle of the Somme – and who is remembered on both the Thiepval and the Broxted War Memorials. The WWI book that Peter recommended, as several people have asked about it since, was 'With the 10<sup>th</sup> Essex in France' by Col. Randolph Chell (this Amazon link gives details, though it is likely to be available from other sources too <https://www.amazon.co.uk/10Th-Essex-France-Lcol-Banks/dp/1845741544> ). Other sources of information mentioned were the Commonwealth War Graves website <http://www.cwgc.org/> and The Long Long Trail at: <http://www.longlongtrail.co.uk/>

## NEXT MEETING

**TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:**

A PRESENTATION BY

**TIM TURNER**  
ON

THE COUNTRY HOUSE  
IN THE 20TH CENTURY

## OTHER DATES



### TILTY FLOWER FESTIVAL

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> and Sun 25<sup>th</sup> September: 12 – 5 p.m.

Plus: **Joanna Eden Concert** - Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 7:30 p.m. (£15 per ticket)

For further information and/or tickets

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**Visit to Hinxton Mill**

October 2016

>> Details to follow <<