

**OUT AND ABOUT 2022...** It was good to see so many local events taking place again this year, as the Covid restrictions were phased out. The Platinum Jubilee was celebrated in style in all the local villages, with street parties, much tea and cake, beacons and fireworks – and even the weather was mostly kind.



Great Easton had an Open Gardens Day later that month – on 26<sup>th</sup> June. The gardens looked beautiful, and people could enjoy cake, tea or prosecco whilst admiring the horticultural skills of the village. There were also some excellent photographic displays in the Village Hall, created by Lesley and Alf Wright.

Lesley and Alf put together a great range of material, illustrating the way in which Great Easton has changed over the decades – and featuring some well known local personalities. The Group had a display there too, which featured local material and provided information about this year's programme.



The Group also had a display at Great Easton's Soapbox Day on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The stand was in conjunction with the Gardens of Easton Lodge, and featured photographs and material from the archives of both the Group and the Gardens. Jane, Martin, Irene and Maggie staffed the stand for the day – and thoroughly enjoyed talking to people about our local history. The weather was glorious again – and the Soapbox Day was a great success, raising funds for the Great Easton Community Association, and for Centre Algarve.

### GENERAL MEETINGS

There was an external speaker for our **MAY MEETING**: Gary Matthews, from the Gardens of Easton Lodge, with a presentation about the Countess of Warwick and the Gardens. Gary provided us with an entertaining and informative evening, and shared some great photographs and stories with us. Committee Members Darren and Maggie gave presentations for the **JULY MEETING**. Darren talked about the Maternity Home at Great Easton; he has carried out a great deal of research into its history, and some of his findings can be found on the Group website [ <http://www.tiltyhistoryprojects.co.uk/people-places/great-easton-maternity-home-1896-1924> ]. Maggie gave a short talk about Stone Hall and its history, and finished the evening with a presentation about some 19<sup>th</sup> century 'rappers' – people paid by the church to prod awake those who fell asleep during services. A newspaper report in 1891 mentioned most of our local churches, including Tilty where a 5 ft. long staff was used for this purpose!

#### NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

There is an external speaker for this meeting: Peter Walker, author and map expert, presenting a talk entitled "The County Maps of Essex from 1576 to the first Ordnance Survey Map of 1805".



And a reminder:

#### TILTY FLOWER FESTIVAL 2022

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> and Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> October: 12 – 5 p.m.

Plus: **Clive Carroll Concert** - Sat 1<sup>st</sup> October 7:30 p.m.  
( £15 per ticket – for tickets please call 01371 532402 or email [tiltyflowerfestival@outlook.com](mailto:tiltyflowerfestival@outlook.com) )