



# FORDHAM HISTORY SOCIETY BULLETIN

THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Our new bulletin was well received by email and published on the Facebook History Society page, Facebook Fordham Village page and on the FLHS website.

The All Saints School History Challenges are into their 3rd week. The first week was all about the WW2 Enigma Machine and codebreaking, the second week challenged the children to find out about the Rosetta Stone and how important the stone was in helping historians to decipher Hieroglyphs.

#### COVID-19 UPDATE

Hall reopening:- The village hall is still working towards reopening on the 1st October; all being well. Therefore as mentioned in the last edition, our September meeting will not go ahead. I shall contact you nearer the time to give you details of how we will operate our meetings to ensure we are all Covid -19 secure.

# WW2 Project

Thanks to Colchester Archaeological Group FLHS has been given a copy of a 'Study of WW2 Defences in the Borough of Colchester.' The 2007 project is in two weighty tomes and charts the work of Fred Nash of the Historic Environment Branch of Essex County Council. The project began in 1993 and the purpose was to record the county's World War Two defence sites with the aim of providing an historical and archaeological database of the sites within the Essex Historic Environment Record. 1,900 sites were located, visited, photographed and recorded across the county. With the help of a Heritage Lottery Grant other sites were located, surveyed and documented. This fascinating document now contains 389 sites in the Borough.

This research project has been very helpful to me whilst researching about Fordham and WW2, as it contains the information about the WW2 defences around our village.

If you would like to borrow the two books, please contact me on 01206 617020 or [wendyhawk@talktalk.net](mailto:wendyhawk@talktalk.net)

## 2020 History Society Programme

### 20th October - Kate Cole

Christmas in Medieval Essex.  
I shall be in contact with Kate next month to check whether she is happy to come along to our meeting.

### November 18th A.G.M.

We hope this will proceed. An opportunity for a social so please bring along a plate of nibbles. This is a free event with a short presentation of the work of the school history club and an update on the Fordham Dig by Michael Hamilton-Macy.

The 2021 programme will also be announced.

### Remembering our casualties of war

**Edgar Harvey Bailey**  
**13th August 1918**

**Emma Dale civilian**  
**12th August 1942**



# The War Memorial Clock



92830 War Memorial, Fordham.



You may have noticed that the clock is missing from the war memorial. The parish council have removed it for repairs and hopefully it will be up and running very soon. The three photographs show how the memorial has evolved since it was built in 1919.

## Celebrating V.E. Day in Fordham

Due to lockdown FLHS had to cancel their afternoon V.E. Vintage tea on Sunday May 10th. But the villagers of Fordham rose to the occasion and celebrated by having family BBQ's and picnics in isolation in their back gardens. Houses and gardens were decorated with bunting and two members of FLHS who are re-enactors walked around the village calling on households for a chat (socially distancing of course.)

We met up with John from Lucas Avenue who had served in WW2 and he had a lifesized photograph of himself in uniform outside his house. He appreciated the RAF uniforms of our re-enactors. Our thanks go out to all our villagers who served in WW2.



We will be celebrating V.E. Day in the village when the time is safe for us to do so. We were given a grant from Fordham Parish Council and Colchester Borough Council for this event and we thank them for their support.