



Our Heritage Matters

Cogenhoe and Whiston Heritage Society

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From Our Archives

Corn Kiln Close



In 1962 the area around St Peters Way was fields producing Market Garden crops - including some orchards. Then, deep ploughing unearthed some stones and an archaeological dig was held. At first

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The Monthly Meetings

Open To All: non-members just £4 inc refreshments

The full programme can be found on our website

www.cogenhoeheritage.org.uk

For obvious reasons we have unfortunately postponed the talks planned for April and May but the speakers will be rebooked for 2021. We hope to see you all again as soon as circumstances permit.

March 2020

Dr John Grubb presented: Aurora Borealis: Myths, Legend and Reality

The Aurora has fascinated people since ancient times and has been described as 'nature's optical poetry'. Not surprisingly, the Aurora figures prominently in the mythology and legends of most indigenous people living in countries situated within the 'Auroral Ring' and often further afield. When you have seen the Aurora for yourself, you can truly appreciate how these stories originated and how our forefathers might have believed them to be spirits, gods or celestial warriors.

John also talked about how physicists now believe the Aurora is created and he finished with a brief summary going in search of the Aurora and how it was photographed.



Corn Kiln Close

there appeared to be a stone-line trough with herring bone course work. Further digging revealed a much larger and more complex stone-lined trench whose plan was in the shape of a letter E. The discovery of a hearth helped identify this as a Romano-British corn drying kiln. Pottery shards helped date it to the 3rd or 4th century BC. There was a further discovery of querns and then charred grain from just 200 years ago. The development of housing was arranged so as to preserve the kiln in the grounds of 5 Corn Kiln Close. It was open for viewing for some years but then had to be reburied as frost was causing damage. Then around 1985 it was damaged when Transco laid gas pipes as the Council didn't apparently have adequate records of the site! It highlights the importance of having public identification and local knowledge of our Heritage.

The AGM

The society held its annual AGM on 20th March. Fuller detail and full financial papers will soon be published on our website.

The elected members on the committee are:

. Peter Alexander [Chairman], Terry Coles [Treasurer and Membership Secretary], Ann Alexander [speakers organiser], Robert Vaughan and John Grubb.

We have a new addition!!!

Since the AGM we are very pleased to welcome Jon Bailey as another member of the Executive Committee.

We would also really like a few extra volunteers. You don't have to be on the Committee but, help especially with research or with better typing skills for producing this newsletter, will always be welcome! Please contact the Chairman if you are interested:

chairman@cogenhoheritage.org.uk

Heritage moves into the 21st Century

If you have a Smart Phone then please try this new system based on QR codes [Quick Response codes].

We think they could provide an exciting new way for people to access information on our website. They might for instance be added to complement Green Plaques.

Heritage Trail



Heritage Web Site



Abington Park Yet Again

Further to the additional emails from Terry Coles this 1883 map proves conclusively that the mound is of considerable age. Written accounts suggest it was possibly used for a Post Mill (where the whole mill rotates about a post) and maybe was originally a Saxon burial mound. Research continues.....

