

## *Long Sutton And District Civic Society* *Newsletter June 2010* Charity No 700438

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Hello everyone, how nice it is to see the sun shining, it makes us all feel in better health and spirits. Once again it has been a busy 6 weeks. We are now well on the way to completing the filming needed for 'From Romans to Riches' and are in the process of recording the interviews and the narrative. As we had no volunteers from the society, we have asked Mr Kenneth Markillie to give his story about his time working on a farm and twisted Wendy Jeffries arm to get her to talk about her childhood on a living on a farm.



We also needed someone to take on location to talk about the Salterns and Woad, I was contacted by a gentleman called Keith Savage, who is retired from working as an Accountant. Mr Savage has a great interest in the history of farming in South Holland and kindly agreed to come along and narrate these two subjects for us. As you can see from the photograph it was not a very bright day. Sophie, being a perfectionist, sweetly asked Keith to keep repeating his lines until he was word perfect, and he, patiently did so, some times 6 or 7 repeats and still a smile on his face, thank you Keith.



Sophie Wendy and I have visited a variety of places to film various buildings and fields, we have recorded bird songs and filmed reeds blowing in the wind. We have also filmed on Proctors farm and Michael Booth kindly allowed us to film on his farm and allowed us to look at his nature reserve.



We have also been down to the Marsh beyond the East Lighthouse and were lucky enough to be able to film a flock of geese grazing on the bank, this was a big bonus. Sophie and I spent an hour one afternoon sitting on the side of the A17 filming the traffic through the Daffodils, I'm sure these drivers thought we were ready for the asylum, But hairstyles and cleanliness have had to be sacrificed for this film. On the other hand we have met some wonderful people during this time



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and would like to thank all those people who have kindly stood still or out of the way, kept quiet, or even worked on their gardens for us.

This has been a really interesting learning experience for every one involved.

One again the subject of the Bull Hotel has come to prominence. Mr Von Draczek asked my advice on various problems he was experiencing that he felt were stopping him from progressing with the refurbishment of the hotel. I had conversations with all the parties involved, and the result of this was that I suggested that a meeting be called and all the parties asked to attend so that they could all state their position in the hope that some areas of negotiation could be found. The meeting was arranged and the parties needed to make this a viable meeting were all invited by letter, plus some other leading members of the town to explain legal matters in an easily understood way. I also telephoned and e mailed these people to make sure they understood how important it was that we had representatives from their organisations. The day before the meeting I received a letter from the Parish Council declining to attend as they felt that their position on this matter had already been made clear. The meeting was held without a representative from the Parish Council and I have to say I feel they missed an opportunity to help move the refurbishment forward with all the parties agreement. The suggestions made at this meeting have been put into writing by Robert Draper, Korvin Developments Ltd, Solicitor and sent to the Parish Councils Solicitor. Everyone at the meeting felt the offer being made was a fair one and in line

with what was required by the Parish Council, hopefully a positive outcome will happen very soon.

The dates for the meetings in 2010 are as follows;

All the Meetings are at The Market House and start at 7.15 pm ( The meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> August will be held at the Masonic Hall by invitation of the Masons.)

21<sup>st</sup> June 2010

Emily Spicer SHDC, Talking Rubbish

16<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Mr Les Penny, Freemasonry and the lodge in Long Sutton. (At the Masonic Hall)

4<sup>th</sup> October 2010

To be arranged.

6<sup>th</sup> December 2010

Christmas party

#### **Special Events**

September 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

Heritage open days

October 9<sup>th</sup>

Annual Exhibition

Notification of any other events will be given as soon as details are ready