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# UTTLESFORD HISTORY FAIR



Saturday 28 March 2009  
10 am – 5 pm  
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## THE RECORDERS OF UTTLESFORD HISTORY

Welcome to the first-ever Uttlesford History Fair! The Fair is being held to celebrate the long and varied history of our part of NW Essex, but also to highlight the huge amount of research and heritage activity that normally goes unsung among volunteer village and town Recorders, and in local history organisations.

There have been Local History Recorders in Essex since the 1970s, and since 1998 they have been divided into autonomous district groups. Members of the Uttlesford group aim to record both the past and present of their communities, by gathering, cataloguing and conserving documents and artefacts, and sharing local history information. As well as supporting Recorders with workshops and information we keep in touch with repositories such as the ERO, Saffron Walden Museum and Town Library, and work in conjunction with local history societies to carry out projects such as transcribing, recording, photocopying, scanning, photography, exhibitions and many other activities.

In 2003 the group became a fully-constituted organisation, and subsequently purchased equipment for the use of Recorders, and constructed a history database known as 'RUTH', standing for Recording Uttlesford History. To celebrate our 10th anniversary in 2008, the name was changed to The Recorders of Uttlesford History (RUH), with a new website, which has become the premier source for the history of NW Essex: both database and website will be demonstrated today.

We welcome new Recorders and Associate members who wish to support our work – please come to the RUH table in the hall to find out more, telephone 01799 550462 or 01279 812157, or look at the 'About us' section of the website: [www.recordinguttlesfordhistory.org.uk](http://www.recordinguttlesfordhistory.org.uk)

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- **Chesterfords History Society & Recorder** – old photographs, model of Roman temple, display of artefacts, publications for sale. Contact: Recorder, Kate McManus: [cmckmanus@hotmail.com](mailto:cmckmanus@hotmail.com)
- **Clavering Landscape History Group & Recorder** - results of the Clavering Castle Project, pottery, albums, photos. Contact: Recorder, Jacky Cooper: [jacqueline.cooper@virgin.net](mailto:jacqueline.cooper@virgin.net)
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- **Essex Record Office** – Sound Archive, Document Conservation, Castle Street historical documents, SEAX demo. Website: <http://essexcc.gov.uk/ero> Also: **Friends of Historic Essex** – Supporting the Essex Record Office: activities and sales ERO publications. Contact: Secretary, Nicola Thomas: [ATh1343349@aol.com](mailto:ATh1343349@aol.com)
- **Essex Society for Family History (NW Essex Branch)** - family trees, family history advice, leaflets, digital Essex burial & marriage index, new CD for sale SW Baptist Church marriages (1913-2007). Contact: Secretary, Janice Sharpe: [SharpeJms1@aol.com](mailto:SharpeJms1@aol.com)
- **Family & Community Historical Research Society** – research projects, society materials, CD demonstration, publications for sale. Website: [www.fachrs.com](http://www.fachrs.com)
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- **Hatfield Regis Local History Society & Recorder** – Then & Now Photo Display. Contact Recorder, Robin Gurnett: [robinalgurnett@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:robinalgurnett@tiscali.co.uk)
- **Henham History Website** – Henham History Website demo. Website: <http://henhamhistory.org.uk>
- **Little Hallingbury Village History Society & Recorder** – old photographs, documents; oral history recordings for sale. Contact: Recorder, Susan Meyer: [sue.meyer@talk21.com](mailto:sue.meyer@talk21.com)
- **Littlebury Millennium Society History Group & Recorder** – digital Slide Show, publications for sale. Contact: Recorder, Lizzie Sanders: [sanders-art@talk21.com](mailto:sanders-art@talk21.com)
- **Manuden Local History Society & Recorder** – old photographs display, publications for sale. Contact: Recorder, Fiona Bengtsen: [fiona.bengtsen@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.bengtsen@btinternet.com)

## SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN ARCHIVES EXHIBITION

Committee Room (rear of Town Hall)

with Malcolm White, Clerk of Saffron Walden Town Council

The Town Archives comprise hundreds of documents, volumes and maps, of which a selection will be on display, prior to their removal on permanent loan to the Essex Record Office at Chelmsford, and replacement with digital copies. Please visit the exhibition at the rear of the building - last chance to see the archives while still in the town.

### HISTORY WORKSHOPS: Scrivener Room

with Zofia Everett of ERO Archive Access (Saffron Walden).

Limited numbers, sessions last about 30 minutes.

11 am:	<i>Family History for Beginners</i>
12 noon:	<i>House History for Beginners</i>
2 pm:	<i>Introduction to Oral History</i>
3 pm:	<i>Local Resources &amp; Research Facilities</i>

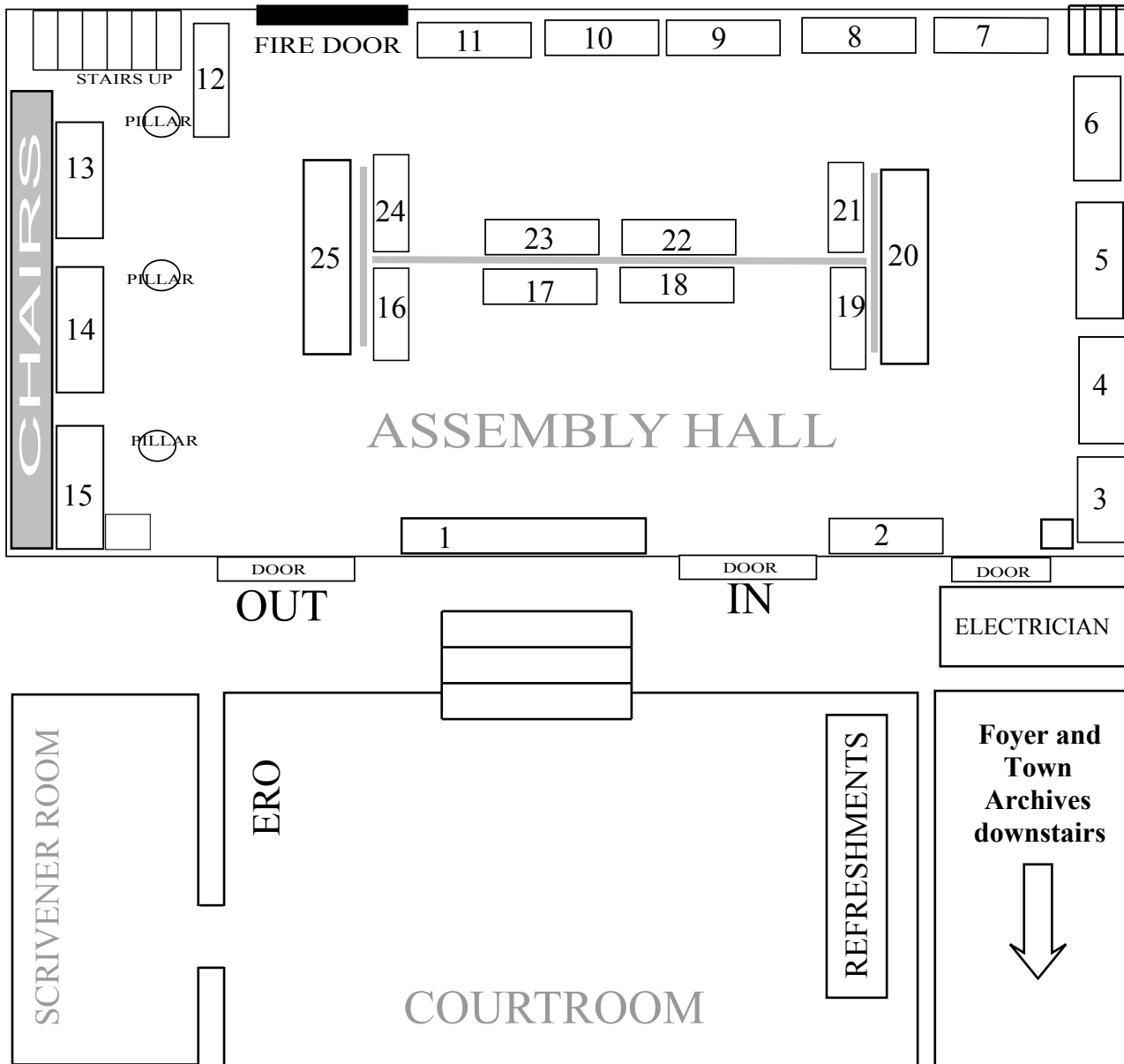
The workshops will be illustrated with examples of research materials loaned by local historians from their own collections.

### REFRESHMENTS: Court Room

Light refreshments are on sale at reasonable prices in the Court Room. With thanks to Paul & Heather Salvidge and our team of volunteer helpers.

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