



RECORDERS OF UTTLESFORD HISTORY

Little Canfield Annual Report for 2008

In my first year as Recorder for Little Canfield there is not much on display yet. I am collecting data, maps and pictures, some of which will appear on the website, and summarising census reports and the tithe records of 1842 so that these can be accessed easily via the RUH site.

Parish records for Little Canfield are already available as Excel and Access

files and I hope the link will soon be put in place so that they can be called up from the RUH site. These include Baptisms from 1565 to 2008; Weddings from 1813 to 2008 and Funerals from 1754 to 2008.

The number of houses in the village has recently increased by approximately 200% and this has accelerated the previously gentle move from a village dominated by agriculture to one peopled with commuters who only meet each other if they take children to school (no longer in the village) or walk the dog. We hope the increased population will encourage new activities in the village and that old and new residents will come together as they share common interests.

Guided walks started in the village last year and have helped to bring people together to see more of the parish and surrounding district. The other recent development is a major re-ordering of the parish church of All Saints to incorporate a toilet and small kitchen area so that the building can be used more efficiently.

The Flich Way linear country park runs through the parish and plans have been submitted to restore the adjacent gravel extraction and landfill site to a mixture of agriculture and public open space.

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