

Musbury Heritage – News

Discussion Group

This isn't a cry for help or a desperate call for volunteers, though the latter are always welcome. This is more of a rallying call for those who are interested in our village's history and would like to know more.

I know I have become synonymous with Musbury's History, principally by default (but isn't that often the way...). This doesn't mean that I can take the project forward single-handedly. Nor does it mean that I'm researching, archiving and writing about the right things.



I am not a historian, more of a collector of information. There are undoubtedly many far better qualified than me to take on this mantle. I would happily work under the direction of others.

This is why I think we could do with a discussion group, who meet occasionally, just to talk generally about Musbury's past. I could start the ball rolling by talking about what I've achieved so far and what I see as the goals. Anyone who has spoken to me will know that my main concern is ensuring that we do not lose documents, pictures, artefacts or anything that hasn't already been located or archived. What we do with this information can wait until later.

In the new year, I will arrange an initial meeting in the village hall or maybe The Hind to just have a natter about Musbury's History, with a view to making this a regular event. I will initially call this the 'Musbury Heritage Discussion Group'. That's not very inspiring, so perhaps the name will be the first item on the agenda! Please look out for posters, etc.

Please don't think if you have been through all this before or you are new to the village that you won't be welcome or able to offer anything to the meeting. An eclectic mix of opinions is needed. I'm also aware that some of you have made offers of help that I have not yet taken up. This would be a great opportunity to discuss what needs doing.

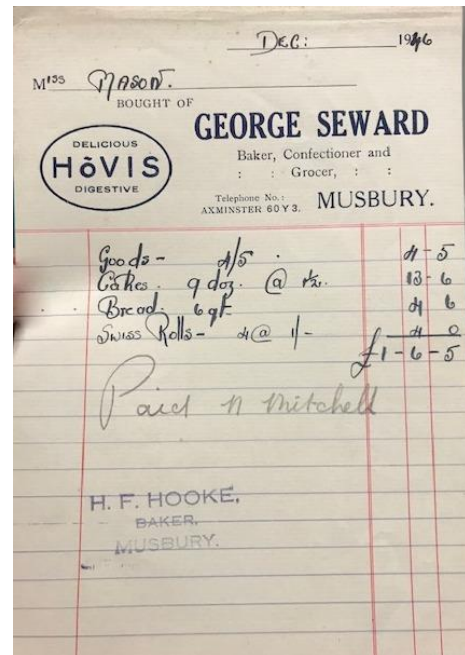
Please get in touch with me if you have any thoughts about this idea or would like to register an interest.

Who's Got What?

Hardly an elegant question, but intended as an attention grabber!

You will know that I am always seeking information about Musbury's past, but I thought this time I would be specific and list some examples of what may be lurking in the drawers and cupboards of villagers. Do you have any of the following?

- Pictures of Northfields, Lower & Higher Doatshayne Lane, Yonder Mount or Doatshayne Close under construction.
- Pictures taken on any Musbury farm up to the 1980s, especially if there is a story to them.
- Any old pictures of Whitford Road or Maidenhayne Lane up to the 1980s.
- Pictures of events in Musbury, such as fairs, street markets, jubilees, the castle run, snow-bound streets or anything similar.
- Pictures of past residents of Musbury.
- Any printed matter from Musbury's past. For example, bills from traders who no longer exist (see picture), leaflets about events, parties, sports or anything that would back up or provide more information to any stories I write.
- Old newspaper reports that you may have kept as they related to Musbury.
- Deeds or other paperwork that may give some clues about some of the older buildings in the village.



These are just examples. There are plenty of other items, which would help Musbury Heritage. I haven't even mentioned our dearth of physical artefacts!

I'm not asking for originals unless you would like to donate them, but simply to be able to scan or photograph them. Please contact me if you think you have something of interest.

Winter is a good time to start delving!

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