

Reading about Littlebury

The Parish of Littlebury Millennium Album 2001 ed. Lizzie Sanders for Littlebury Parish Council. pub. Parish of Littlebury Millennium Society

This is a photographic and written record for the parish of Littlebury collated during the Millennium year. The original leather bound album is held in the Reading Room at Saffron Walden Town Library. With 262 pages, and in full colour, the book is a snapshot of life in an English parish. Eighty-eight households participated as well as the parish groups and societies of the time. Although mainly of local interest it has a broad appeal as a social history record of rural life in North West Essex at the time of the Millennium. Publication was funded by grants, donations and local fund raising events.

Every household in the parish was entitled to receive a free copy of the book when it was published.

Littlebury, a Parish History 2005 Parish of Littlebury Millennium Society/History Group ed. Lizzie Sanders and Gillian Williamson. pub. Parish of Littlebury Millennium Society

After nearly three years of research 'Littlebury, a Parish History' was published. The authors, those who offered assistance, archive material and advice together with residents of the parish came to a launch at Littlebury Village Hall to celebrate the results of a community project funded by the LHI, a partnership between the Heritage Lottery Fund, Nationwide Building Society and the Countryside Agency. Local schools, the Library, Museum, Archive Access Point and every household in the parish was invited to receive a free copy of the 288 page book. Fully illustrated in colour, the history was written and researched by 44 authors, nearly all of whom were residing in the parish at the time. Spanning earliest archaeology to the twentieth century it covers many subjects including transport, health, education, poverty, gentrification and religion, bringing the history of Littlebury, Littlebury Green and Catmere End as well as that of Audley End into sharp and fascinating focus.

'Littlebury, a Parish History' is available from the Tourist Information Centre in Saffron Walden, Audley End House, Heffers in Cambridge and Lizzie Sanders 528201, Gillian Williamson 528199 or Vince Taylor 526437 at £15.00. ISBN 0-9543910-1-2

The Life and Times of a Country Gardener 2007 Sarah Casbolt ed. & pub. Lizzie Sanders

Stan Casbolt was born in 1919 and lived in Littlebury Green where he worked as a gardener at Howe Hall Farm. Sarah his daughter took down his memoirs and with Stan's enormous collection of photographs wrote and illustrated a book that illuminates the way of life at Littlebury Green throughout the 20th century, showing the transition of this hamlet from a rural farming community to the village we know today. The development of farm machinery and its impact on farming practices together with those of the car, two world wars and increasing modernity are vividly described. The depiction of the villagers' hard working way of life and their humour and tolerance will intrigue and delight the reader.

The Life and Times of a Country Gardener was launched in December 2007 at St Peter's Church and Community Centre, Littlebury Green. The 144 page book, with colour illustrations and photographs is available from the Tourist Information Centre in Saffron Walden at £15.