

Costessey Honorary Archivist Report

For over a year during this this terrible pandemic I have been unable to visit the Costessey Centre to change my display boards or look after the archives, due to the Covid restrictions. I am hoping to be able to get back to the Costessey centre by May this year, allowing me to sort through the archives that have been recently moved.

Both the Costessey Society & Costessey Memories groups have been inactive for the last year but I have been able keep in close contact (by phone) with these groups, planning a way forward to hopefully start up again around October. It will take a lot of energy and hard work by Vivienne & Roy and myself to get these groups up and running again in the current climate. But the feedback from members is very positive with most members looking forward to meeting up again soon. Myself and Roy have also one or two projects that we can't wait to start up as soon as it is safe to do so.

The last documentary I produced was Roy's Xmas of 1947, we hope to screen this in December this year.

As a tribute to Michael Fitt who sadly died in Jan 2021, I was hoping to screen Costessey Hall one & Two documentaries in February 2022 in the Stafford room with free admission to the public. Lots of the photos and information for these documentaries was from Michael's own extensive library he had collected over his life.

A big thank you for the kind donation for a display cabinet to be placed in the gallery for Costessey archives and memorabilia. I would like to also thank John Amis and Costessey Town Council for all their support over the years and look forward to meeting up with everyone again soon.

Paul Cooper

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