



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!

It seems no time since Autumn 2015 when **Rayners Farm** featured on the cover of *Whither Whittlesford* no 217 inviting everyone to celebrate our **40th** birthday there –and we plan to do the same this year to mark our **FORTY FIFTH anniversary!**

Already last month **Whittlewomen** marked the same achievement with a repeat of their special Anniversary Dinner at the Tickell Arms – and both organisations are proud and delighted to be thriving very much as ever!

From the start - and still - WhitSoc has always had a key role in village celebrations of royal jubilees and national anniversaries, as part of its documenting village happenings & history in *Whither Whittlesford* and its various books. The first, *Whittlesford Recalled*, marked the Silver Jubilee & fact the well-known oldest resident was born in July 1877, by assembling research & memories of life here over the previous 100 years.

Since then there have been many memorable anniversary events and activities - none more so that during our 2003-6 Heritage Lottery-funded '**Archive Project**' (see WhitWhit nos 96-104). The most spectacular single event was an authentic Mediaeval Market as granted here by King John in 1206. Most recently, our Diamond Decades Exhibition was a follow-on from the Millennium Group's splendid Diamond Jubilee event, with masses of photos of that, plus extensive 'then & now' displays of all aspects of life here in those 60 years, a scale model of the main village, and boards summing up key events & concerns in each of the 6 decades, the last 4 of which were shown again at the Newcomers Tea Party as a backdrop to our 45 years.

Now we and the whole village chase the challenge posed by Alisdair Coles & his team to mark the biggest anniversary yet in 2022: 1000 years of there being a church here – **1000 years of life in Whittlesford!**

There was a great turnout to the meeting mooted in the last LOOK to discuss various exciting options-watch out for details! Meantime anyone with ideas, interested in delving into our archives, building on our past work, perhaps extending our village model etc **please contact infowhitsoc@gmail.com**

DIARY

Sunday 9th Feb - 2.30pm Work party Millennium Wood *see p.*