



The Hundred Parishes

An introductory article about FILMS OF THE LOCAL AREA

Over the last century, several films have been made of the Hundred Parishes area. A few that appear on the internet and are available to view without charge are listed below. They are also referenced from individual parish introductions on the website www.hundredparishes.org.uk. Before you start, you might like to ensure that you are sitting comfortably

First, here is a short clip about making corn dollies in Great Bardfield:

<https://www.britishpathe.com/video/corn-dollies/query/great+bardfield>

The next, a silent film, was taken during a Labour Party visit to Easton Lodge in 1923. The Countess of Warwick was an enthusiastic socialist and put her home at the Labour Party's disposal:

<https://www.britishpathe.com/video/labour-partys-chequers-1/query/dunmow>

From 1926, this film includes brief footage of the Countess herself right at the end:

<https://www.britishpathe.com/video/to-be-labours-university-aka-to-be-labours-univers/query/easton+lodge>

By complete contrast, this 1961 film is of a most unusual home in Stebbing Green. <https://www.britishpathe.com/video/thatched-train-aka-thatched-railway-cottage/query/stebbing> The lady in the film, Mrs Cain, was still there receiving meals on wheels into the mid-1970s, whereafter the carriage was removed and a house built in its place. There was apparently a similar railway carriage residence in Felsted.

Here is film of Elsenham Hall (not Stanstead as is stated) and the arrival in 1939 of possibly its most famous resident, Golden Miller, a highly successful racehorse:

<https://www.britishpathe.com/video/VLVA324ELXFR1K7MAFZ28OWTNMOA2-HORSE-RACING-GOLDEN-MILLER-GOES-INTO-RETIREMENT/query/stanstead>

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An action shot from Duxford in 1939:

<https://www.britishpathe.com/video/duxford-squadrons-of-planes-take-off/query/Duxford>

Stansted Mountfitchet in 1964 when airport expansion was mooted:

<https://www.britishpathe.com/video/VLVAEG8QWNVZ9TBPUDX2VYW84J7WQ-UK-NEW-STANSTEAD-AIRPORT-PROJECTED/query/stanstead>

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And lots of local views in this longer film, probably 1968, when Nuthampstead was named as a possible site for London's third airport . . .

<https://www.britishpathe.com/video/londons-proposed-3rd-airport/query/Langley>

This is a 10-minute 1937 film about village life – you may recognize some local scenes . . . <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtGI5T6aUYM>

Another ancient film pays tribute to the men of Little Chesterford who died in World War I. The film includes 1914 footage of the aftermath of the devastating fire that raged through the village that year. It can be watched on YouTube at - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksy44GVloVw>

A lengthy 1981 BBC film about Saffron Walden has explanation and opinions from Alec Clifton-Taylor (the beginning is missing): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgUyzk8V7IY>

An account of Saffron Walden's medieval history was produced in 2021 by the Saffron Walden Heritage Development Group. You can watch this on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tGwyPb2bd8c>

We hope you enjoyed all this nostalgia. If you stumble across anything like this that we have not included here, please let us know (via the Feedback facility on the website) so we can share it.

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