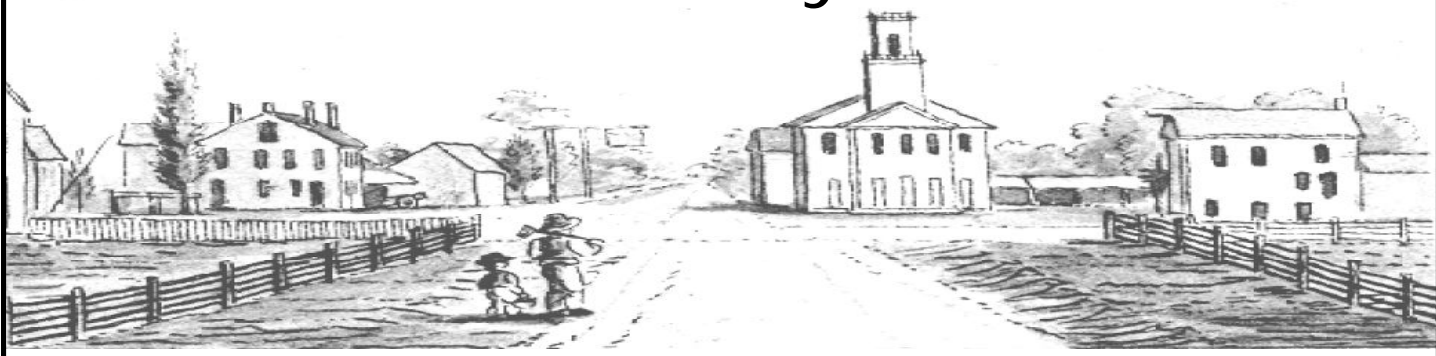


# The Wintonbury Drummer



## ***Newsletter of the Wintonbury Historical Society***

***Bloomfield, Connecticut***

***August 2003***

***Next meeting:*** September 10, 2003 7:30 p.m.

***Location:*** Marilyn Michaelson Senior Center, 330 Park Rd., Bloomfield, CT

***Program:*** Preservation of the Southwest District School.

***Speaker:*** Jack Kelly of Stafford; contractor for the Southwest District School, and Old Farms School

### ***President's Message:***

As usual WHS members stepped up to the request, received through your recent dues notice, to consider donation to the Filley Project - almost \$800.00 was realized from this - thank you, thank you. Much effort has been put into the up coming Anthony Kearns concert, this summer, by a hard working committee.

Our regular meeting, September 10th, with Jack Kelly, contractor for the Southwest District School and Old Farm School, proves to be most interesting and informative. He brings a wealth of historic preservation activity to us. He will be talking about the preservation of the Southwest District School. He also recently did restoration work at the Old Farm School, and will be doing the pointing of the building in the fall. He is currently school board chairman in Stafford.

At the end of June, the Bloomfield Town Manager, and this officer, completed the necessary paper work for a \$50,000 match. Contract committee has met several times during the past months, and will have a report at the September meeting.

This week it has been possible to schedule a meeting of the reinstated Wintonbury Tracers - August 25 7:00 p.m., Seabury's Activities Room (second level). Trust that this will be a time when we can trade geneological and research needs. If the meeting interests you, but you do not wish to drive—please do not hesitate to call Angela Hauptman (860-243-5933), who will be pleased to hear from you and will arrange for a ride.

Fannie R. Gabriel, President

## Wintonbury Tracers

August 25 7:00 p.m.

Seabury, 2nd floor Activities Room

As your last newsletter noted-the Society is going to reinstitute Wintonbury Tracers.

If interested please call Fannie (860-242-1016)

## Dollars for History

We will be kicking off the Dollars for History Financial Campaign at the Drum Festival on October 4th. Ask your friends and neighbors to support the Filley House (our new home) rehabilitation project with a \$5 or \$10 tax deductible contribution. We encourage Society members to obtain Canisters from Fannie Gabriel (860-242-1016) or Virginia Hallisey (860-243-1065). Canisters will also be available at the meeting on September 10th.

## Volunteers Needed for the Southwest District School

The Southwest District School is open to the public on the first Saturday of the month from 11:00 A.M. - noon through November. With the encouragement of Jeanne Hunciker, word and deed, Society volunteers, who worked so hard on the pump house, at the Filley site, have directed their skills and attention to the Southwest District School. Jack Kelly, the contractors representative, met with our team of volunteers and gave instructions for the installation of the soffits (under roof trim) and the preservation process for restoring and painting all the door and window woodwork. Dr. William Jones III has joined the team of volunteers. He has spent a lot of site time sanding and preserving the woodwork. He also reviewed the needs to dramatically improve the interior. The site committee met Saturday, August 2nd to discuss needs and schedule work. We need a large crew of volunteers on Saturday, September 6, to clear out, paint and clean up, also move lumber leftover to another site. Please bring old brooms, dustpans, garbage bags and barrels. Society members willing to volunteer should contact Bruce Hale 860-242-5701 or Virginia Hallisey 860-243-1065.

We wish to thank Bruce Hale, Richard Dudenhofer, Joe Caldeira, Mary Murray, Dr. Williams Jones and Bob Stiles for their hard work. Many compliments have reached President, Fannie Gabriel.

## Properties Open for Viewing

### Old Farm School

1-4:00 p.m.Sundays through October 15th

### Southwest District School

11 a.m. - noon first Saturday of each month through November

## Committee Reports

### By-Laws Committee:

The Committee is meeting to consider changes to be presented to the Board at their October meeting. If you have any comments or suggestions please contact Fannie Gabriel.

Janis Langsaton, Chairman

### Cheer Committee:

Happy 97th Birthday Wishes to Leslie Watkins on July 21st!

Patricia Walker, Chairman

**Education Committee:** Those interested in the Old Wintonbury Burying Ground please call Lucy (860-242-1624) if interested.

Lucy Wirsul & Libby Merrow, Co-Chairman

### Membership Committee:

*Welcome New members!*

John & Marguerite Breitting

Solomon Cushman

Jean Buscarello, Chairman

**Newsletter Report:** The deadlines for the newsletter, are for material to be received by Fannie the weekend before each of the regularly scheduled Board Meetings. For the remainder of 2003 that would be by:

**Oct 18/19** (Bd Meeting Oct 22)

Fannie Gabriel & Janis Langston

**Website Committee:** There is lots of space available to expand the website content, so please submit information. If you are working on a project and would like to share it with the world, or if you would like to expand the material already available on the site, please contact me and we can make the information available as part of the resources of the Society on its website.

Janis Langston, Webmaster

## Bruce Hale, Jr.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of one of our long standing volunteer workers.

His memorial service will be held on Sunday, August 31st 3:00 pm at the Congregational Church.

## **The Anthony Kearns Concert**

September 28 2:00 P.M.

Lincoln Theatre, University of Hartford

Patron tickets + reception \$75.00

General Admission 35.00

Tickets go on sale August 18th at Lincoln Theatre box office; checks made out to University of Hartford or go on-line [www.hartford.edu](http://www.hartford.edu). It is recommended you go direct to box office to save additional charges - or call Fannie 860-242-1016; Mary Murray 860-242-0323, or Lucy Wirsul 860-242-1625 -who with your check, will pick up your tickets.

### **This and That**

As your last newsletter noted-the Society is going to reinstitute Wintonbury Tracers -am trying to set up an August meeting. If interested please call Fannie. Impetus for the Wintonbury Tracers developed from the April Program Carol Panke gave on the Bloomfield Cooper family and the Mountain Meadow massacre. To my surprise the 7/20 Courant book review section had a piece on the book Sally Denton wrote-entitled American Massacre: the Tragedy at Mountain Meadow.

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Charles Bierken, Ethel Painter, and Agnes Scavetta (Tonie Stiles' mother).

Fred Hesketh has sent out feelers to locate members who find errors in *Wintonbury to Bloomfield* book. Please contact him with your corrections.

By the way, Roberta has ordered more copies of Images-for Drum Festival, and for those who are still interested in securing a copy. Which leads me to add that hardly a week goes by that one of our publications is not sold-Wintonbury to Bloomfield, Fred's book on the Brown Drums, our recipe book. Part is due to the display in the Prosser Library of our publications in June. July had a display of ours, and we will be there Sept., Oct. and Nov. September 27th will be the Congregational Church Fair—and one of the craft booths will be that of John and Vicky Casner. They will have, for sale, miniature wooden historic houses of Bloomfield. All profits will go to the Togo chicken project—one which the Merritt and Merrows are deeply involved in.

The Society was contacted by a Trinity professor, who with an intern, has been doing oral histories. When the project is completed, we have been advised that not only will we be provided with copies—but they stand ready to provide us with a program. The project covered persons who moved from Hartford to Bloomfield between 1940 and 1970.

Fannie R. Gabriel, President

### **Leaving A Legacy**

The Wintonbury Historical Society is a charitable and non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of historical sites of Bloomfield, and the memory of the ones who created them.

The Society is in dire need of funds or gifts in order to continue the restorations, and preservations in progress. We are therefore, soliciting the commitment of citizens who value the history of Bloomfield now and in the years ahead.

Listed are a few ways to leave a legacy:

1. Set aside a gift in your will to the Society
2. Name the Society as beneficiary of an insurance policy.
3. Remember your loved ones with a gift in their honor.
4. Name the Society as a beneficiary of your IRA or 401K.

There are several other means, just talk with your financial advisor.

Financial Development Committee

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### **2003 Calendar of Events**

- Aug 25**    **Wintonbury Tracers** 7 p.m., Seabury, Activities Room 2nd floor
- Sept 6**    **Southwest District School** Open for viewing 11 a.m. -12 p.m. & Work Session
- Sept 10**   **WHS Regular Meeting** 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center
- Sept 28**   **Anthony Kearns Concert** (one of the Irish Tenors) 2 p.m., Univ. of Hartford-Lincoln Theatre
- Sept 30**   **Joe McCormick** 7 p.m., Prosser Library Community Room
- Oct 4**    **Southwest District School** Open for viewing 11 a.m. -12 p.m.
- Oct 4**    **Drum Festival**
- Oct 16-18** **Prosser Library Book Sale**
- Nov 1**    **Southwest District School** Open for viewing 11 a.m. -12 p.m.
- Nov 5**    **Regular Meeting** 7:30 p.m., Keith Hook " A Lifetime of Maps" Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center

Visit the expanded WHS website at: [www.bloomfieldcthistory.org](http://www.bloomfieldcthistory.org)

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