

# The Wintonbury Drummer



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

***Bloomfield, Connecticut***

***October 2002***

***Next meeting:*** November 6, 2002 7:30 p.m.

***Location:*** Marilyn Michaelson Senior Center, 300 Park Road, Bloomfield, CT

***Program:*** Tales from the Bartlett Towers Speaker: Libbie Merrow

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

My thanks for the support given by the Society, for the September 21st Auction/tag sale. Our Assistant Treasurer will be giving us a full report (Filley Fund) at the November meeting.

Our November 6th meeting sounds facinating - you will find in another part of this newsletter, the item, put together by Libby Merrow, of her research on the Bartlett Towers. I for one know nothing about them & look forward to the chance to learn more of Bloomfield's past.

Speaking of this meeting, Angela Hauptman is setting up a Transportation Committee, to give members who do not care to drive in the evening a chance to get a ride to join us at the meetings, more on this later in this newsletter.

We are sorry to learn of the passing of long time members Mildred Anderson and Eleanor Martin.

May I call your attention, if you are not already aware, of the lovely garden which graced the grounds of the Old Farm School. This was planted and cared for by the Bloomfield Garden Club—this really brings visitors, interested in learning who does such a great job.

With exciting WHS programs planned for the year, we are pleased to offer to those who find night driving a chore, an opportunity to let us help you come to enjoy the meetings. Angela and her committee await your call at 243-5933 to arrange a ride for you to the meeting.

Fannie R. Gabriel, President

### ***This and That***

Latest Conn. Historical Society newsletter has picture and reference to member Jeannette Blohm; Clarence Nelson turned over to Mary Murray an All America City sign — I think it may have been at the entrance to Bloomfield, at one time (frg.). What a great addition to our memorabilia. Also, Clarence has turned over the 1933, '34 and '35 Bloomfield High yearbooks - they will be brought to the November meeting-for your perusal. Thanks so much Clarence.

Recently in desiring to give Bloomfield names to apartments, and cottages, at Seabury - using our **Wintonbury to Bloomfield** publication — the following names were selected: Ely, Batterson, Loomis, Goodwin, Newberry, Prosser, Barnard, Griffin, Cadwell, Bidwell, Filley, Griswold and Peterson. How nice to preserve these names in this manner.

### **Education Committee**

Presently, Libbie Merrow and I are Co-chairing the Education Committee. Everytime I talk with members of WHS, I learn something new about the history of this town. There are so many stories to tell, information to be saved and shared. Everyone has something special to give. Please join us on Thursday, October 30, at 2 p.m. at the Congregational Church. We plan to talk about ways to share the information. We'll have fun together.

Lucy Wirsul

### ***Bloomfield's Historic Cemeteries***

Wintonbury Cemetery, located on Tunxis Avenue, just beyond the Congregational Church is one of Bloomfield's historic cemeteries. The Latimer Hill Cemetery, just off from Latimer Lane, is another. These burial grounds have interesting and historical tales to tell. They date back to the Revolutionary War and many of the old Bloomfield families are buried there. Recently, several people have shown interest in these



burying grounds, so a meeting was held on Thursday, October 24, at 2 p.m. at the Congregational Church, Wintonbury Avenue. At this meeting we plan to organize our thoughts and concerns and weather permitting, tour the Wintonbury Cemetery. Plan to join us when we have the next meeting. The more, the merrier and the more history we'll learn. Give Lucy Wirsul (242-1625) or Libbie Merrow (242-1675) a call to let them know you would like to attend the next meeting.

# *Tales from the Bartlett Towers*

*A Round Table*

*November 6, 2002 7:30 p.m.*

*Where: Senior Center, 300 Park Road*

*We want to know what you remember about the Bartlett Towers!  
We will have, some slides and some descriptions about the Towers  
prepared by Bob McComb and delivered by the Merrows.*

*Then we all want to hear tales about the Towers,  
memories from you or your family, as many as possible.*

*It will be so interesting to hear these stories about  
what must have been the most exotic, amazing, fun-filled things  
ever built in or around Bloomfield.*

*We will record the evening, print the results and have  
a valuable addition to our history. If you don't want to get up  
and speak, or can't come to the meeting but have a story to tell,  
let us know and we will collect the story and do the talking.*

*If you have something to share at this Round Table on the Towers,  
please call the Merrows at 242-1675.*

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## Calendar of Events

Oct 30      WHS Education Committee: 2 pm Bloomfield Congregational Church  
Nov 6        WHS Regular Meeting

WHS future meeting dates - Feb 5th, 03; Apr 2nd, 03; Jun 4th, 03

**Happy Holidays to One and All  
and the Very Best for the New Year**



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