

# Weymouth Historical Society



Our 100th Anniversary!

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"With holly and ivy  
So green and so gay;  
We deck up our houses  
As fresh as the day."

Trad.

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HAPPY HOLIDAY TO YOU AND TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Wright

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey S. Tompkins

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AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR: We hope you will all come out on January 16th to hear Stephen Putnam on "Flying Saucers-Fact or Fiction." Mr. Putnam is an engineer who has studied the scientific literature about unidentified flying objects and has been president of the New England U.F.O. Society for twelve years. He carries a Geiger counter and other apparatus in his car at all times so that he may be prepared to spot any U.F.O.'s. It is a fascinating subject no matter what your own personal opinion may be.

On February 13th we will have a look into the past with beautiful pictures of the "Treasures of Tutankamun", an exhibit that has toured the United States and is currently in Canada. Chet went to Egypt last February and saw the large exhibit of treasures in the Cairo museum and he is sure you will marvel at those that came to this country.

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A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Henry Darrell now teaches in Beverly and doesn't have much time to call for museum guides. How about calling him at 335-7845?

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MANY THANKS: The society is grateful to Miss Ruth Firrell and to Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Holly for their recent monetary contributions.

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MORE THANKS: Those of you who attended our Members Day at the museum on Sept. 30 will remember the new nautical display. We want to thank Frank Dawes who spent many painstaking hours on the restoration of the model of the "Edward Everett", the ship on which General James L. Bates sailed to California in 1849 in search of gold. Frank is a nautical man himself and the model can now be studied by all.

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IN MEMORIAM: At recent meetings the society observed moments of silence to the memories of the following and extends its sympathy to their families.

John Benoit  
Hall B. Carpenter  
John Pflaumer

We have been informed that the Class of 1927 of Weymouth High School has made a contribution to the society in memory of Hall Carpenter.

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CHRISTMAS FEASTING: The head of the wild boar, a beast extinct in England by the 16th century, was the great historical dish for the nobleman's table. The boar's head, decked with rosemary and with a round solar fruit like an apple or an orange placed in its mouth, was the main decoration of early mediaeval feasting.

Later on the peacock became a specially prized main dish-often gilded. In Germany and elsewhere the goose was the recognized dish and later became popular in England. The turkey was a gift from the New World and arrived in Spain in 1519 carried back by Spanish ships from the Aztecs of Mexico. It later went to the Spanish Netherlands and on to England. In America as time passed there was much wild turkey shooting but England developed turkey farms and George II kept several thousands in Richmond Park.

Source: "A Book of Christmas"  
William Sanson

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CHRISTMAS PRESENT: As we observe this holiday season let us think of the hostages in Iran and hope they will soon be home with us.

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