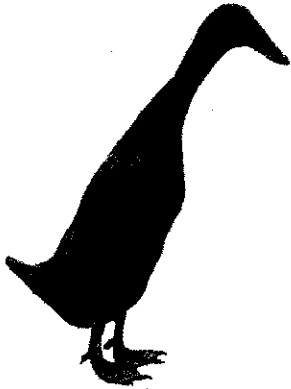


Shepherdswell & Coldred  
**History Society**



**Christmas Meeting**  
**Thursday 18 December, 7.30**  
**Village Hall**

**'The Battle of the Ducks'**  
**West Court Farm and**  
**the Tithe War (1934)**

In September 1934, 'a raid' at West Court Farm hit the front pages of the national press. It was no ordinary criminal act, but part of a campaign by East Kent farmers against 'the tithe'. A cordon of 25 police was placed around the farm for a week and the Home Office instigated an enquiry. The events became known as 'the battle of the ducks'. What happened? Who was involved? Why did the event gain national significance? **John Bulaitis** tells a strange and almost forgotten story from Shepherdswell's past.

**All welcome!**

**£1 members; £2 non-members**  
**Mince Pies – Home-made Cakes**

If you would like to join or want more information about the History Society, contact:

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