



HORLEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT HORLEY LIBRARY, HISTORY CENTRE ON MOST TUESDAY AFTERNOONS 3.00pm ~ 5.00pm SATURDAY MORNINGS 11.00am ~ 1.00pm

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS - Doors Open 7.30pm for 8.00pm at Strawson Hall, Albert Road

Thursday 28th August 2014 - Summer break & no meeting

Thursday 25th September 2014 - Samantha Steggles will speak on 'Horley Road names'

Thursday 23rd October 2014 - Lesley Burnett from Nutfield Local History Society on the History of Nutfield

which may include parts of the A25 trunk road and the Railway

(postponed from June)

Thursday 27th November 2014 - HLHS member David Hall will relate the story of "Henry Webber and Horley - A Remarkable Man 1849 - 1916"

Thursday 18th December 2014 - PROVISIONAL date All Britain Quiz & Christmas nibbles

RECENT MEETING Reports

Thursday 22nd May 2014 - Our booked speaker, Betty Haswell was unable to attend at the last moment to tell us about the life, times and work of Sir Archibald McEndoe who did such wonderful things in plastic surgery at the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead. As a last minute stand-in, HLHS member Jessie Paton, who had worked at the hospital herself for many years, gave an interesting and off-the-cuff account of some of the work done at the Q V. Our special thanks to her as she responded to a phone call to stand-in on that very day.

Thursday 26th June 2014 - The speaker from Wey & Arun Canal gave an interesting, illustrated talk on the history of the canal and also the aims of the society for extending navigable part of the waterway beyond its current limits.

Thursday 24th July 2014 - Unfortunately only a handful of members took the opportunity to visit the East Grinstead Museum which now houses the artefacts from the Queen Victoria Hospital related to the late Sir Archibald McEndoe. Betty Hatswell, the speaker who had to cancel her engagement for May, ably led the group round the exhibits giving an interesting account.

Shops & Commercial premises

Yasemins Gowns in the Massetts Road closed abruptly at the end of April and has apparently re-located to Crawley. The long announced **Fish & Chip Shop** in Consort way is currently fitting-out and **Don Ruffels** stationers in Victoria Rd is still closed as the premises are still

under repair following damage last Autumn. The Shell petrol filling station opposite the Chequers was closed for several weeks in early summer to be refurbished (it was only done a couple or so years ago) and re-branded as **'Little Waitrose'** and yes, petrol is still sold as well ! In the High St the former 'Party Pad' at No 23 is currently being re-fitted and a window poster announces it to be **Gatwick Luggage** but no opening date given. **Coochicoo** at 103 Victoria Rd has a 'business for sale' notice in the windows so we await developments there. Still in Victoria Rd, 96 **Lloyds Chemists** have recently had their shop refurbished and with new external signage. In the town centre by the crossroads on the corner of Victoria Rd & High Street, the **Cheque Centre** closed abruptly at the end of July.

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High Street – The lamp standards have been replaced and also the highway has been re-surfaced from the corner of Albert Road as far as Yattendon Rd by the railway. A new metal seat has been installed on the pavement outside M & Co. In the precinct, the old lamps have also been replaced by some very lofty new ones but with provision for hanging baskets on each of the standards. All credit to the Town Council for the floral displays there and also outside the Jack Fairman PH; the gardens by the War Memorial too and other locations. The Town Centre has looked better this year than it has for some time.

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that I report the passing on 29th June of former HLHS member **Shirley Morris** who was for many years a loyal supporter of our society along with husband Ron who was responsible for the selling of many of our Horley 'picturebooks'.

I must also mention the passing on 4th June of **Peter Tyrrell**, 86, the well known proprietor of the Hardware and DIY shop in the Victoria Rd (129) although the business was originally in now demolished premises on the other side of the road where the Lidl supermarket now stands. He was always keen to look after his customers offering friendly advice and suggestions. As well as running his shop, he was involved with the Horley Chamber of Commerce being Chairman for a while and as such was involved with many activities in the town such as organising the Christmas Lights and various theme days. Our thoughts go to his wife and family.

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Surrey Mirror May 15th : 'Mums' praise for Dr Divers Bottom Cream'. Many tributes received for well known and respected Horley doctor who passed away on 23rd April at the age of almost 96 having been born on 16th July 1918. Apparently he was known for a secret lotion !

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"Russell Square" – There is little to report at the moment as the shell of the building is still sheathed in white plastic sheeting and I understand that there is plenty going on behind the scenes. Various rumours too but nothing worthy of reporting, yet ! It is only a little over a year ago that the foundations were being laid

Books & Publications

Doug Cox's **Men of Horley – 1914-1918 Lest we Forget** book has duly been published and copies are available from the Horley Bookshop or by visiting us at Horley Library when we are in attendance on Tuesday & Saturday (details above). Did you know that we still have lots of books available for purchase at the bargain price of just £5 each :- Public Houses in Horley, Maps & Houses, Street where you Live, Horley 50 years ago, Gt Grandfather's Horley Books 3 and 4. There are also copies of The Chequers at £3 and 1000 years of Horley at £3.50. Full

details are on the website or please enquire at the Library as above.

Membership & Subscriptions

Our plea with the last newsletter has brought forth a number of Subscriptions, thank you, but there are still quite a number still outstanding. If you are one of those who have not quite got round to getting out your cheque book, a gentle reminder will accompany this edition. If you have decided to cease your membership, do please let us know – contact details below. Many of those who have paid will be receiving this by email – doubtless you will let me know if you cannot open same ! Ed

Arson attack – Horley Tennis Club – the club had been looking forward to the opening of their brand new facility in Vicarage Lane which was nearing completion when fire ravaged the building on 22nd June. Serious damage was caused by a fire which apparently started in the early hours causing most of the roof to collapse. There have been other instances of fires to sports clubs elsewhere in the Borough. The Surrey Mirror reports that a local man has been arrested in connection with these fires and also vandalism damage to several windows (5) at Barclays Bank

WEBSITE www.horleyhistory.org.uk webmaster Peter Cox

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FINALLY

If you have any news or snippets of information for the Newsletter, please send them to me, details below. Closing date for next edition is 15th October and publication date will be 1st November. Ed

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