



HORLEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT HORLEY LIBRARY, HISTORY CENTRE ON MOST
TUESDAY AFTERNOONS 3.00pm ~ 5.00pm SATURDAY MORNINGS 11.00am
~ 1.00pm
(If travelling a distance and you particularly would like to see someone, suggest you check by
phone beforehand)

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

Thursday 26th February – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (see below) followed by HLHS
member,

Corla McLaren, who will speak on the History of unofficial Money
Tokens in Britain, especially Surrey

Thursday 26th March

Janet Bateson from RH7 History Group 'Medieval Lingfield'

Thursday 23rd April

Details not yet available

Thursday 28th May

Details not yet available

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place before the meeting on 26th February,
please make every effort to come along if you are able (sorry about the short notice) A
separate letter will accompany this Newsletter from our Treasurer reminding you that
Subscriptions are now due – a real bargain at just £7 for individuals and £10 for joint or family
membership.

RECENT MEETING Reports

Thursday 27th November 2014 David Hall, HLHS member gave a full and interesting talk on
the history of local
resident Harry Webber of Horley, 1849 -1916 recalling his many and wide ranging interests in
the community

Thursday 18th December 2014 John Chisholm presented a light hearted but interesting
pictorial quiz of current scenes of towns and villages across Surrey. Included, of course, were
a number of local views which engaged the audience on scenes that they should have
recognised.

Thursday 22nd January HLHS Chairman, Alan Reid, took us on a pictorial tour of Royal Mail in
RH6 showing pictures of long gone Post offices and recalling some of the happenings as seen
by the postman.

Brief Review of Shops & Commercial premises

I have been mildly criticised for including shops in our newsletter as some feel it is not history
– well in my mind it is when a shop or business closes down. It saddens me that **Frillies** in the

High St is closing after almost 33 years but we wish Mrs Tyrrell a long and happy retirement. Also closing after several years is **Silver Dream Ltd** in the kiosk in Victoria Square; a more recent business '**Coochicoo**' in Victoria Rd has gone after only about a year and **Ferrito's** cafe in the High St has gone the same way. On the other side of the coin, so to speak, the Spanish Restaurant in Massetts Rd has re-opened as **La Cocina**, **Carlton Clinic** has taken the vacant shop in the town centre by the crossroads that until recently was showing the old 'Coopers' fascia which was uncovered when the previous occupant took their own signs down. Coopers was a greengrocers back in the 1950s-1960s and many of our readers will remember them when they stalled out over the pavement; something that doesn't seem to happen anywhere these days. The long awaited **Fish & Chip Shop** in Consort Way opened in mid November. Finally, Boots Opticians took one step sideways into the former Stead & Simpson shoe shop.

Books & Publications

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 are just some of the titles. 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 on Tuesday or Saturday (times as above)

Doug Cox's **Men of Horley – 1914-1918 Lest we Forget** book has been published and copies are now available from the Horley Bookshop or by visiting us at Horley Library when we are in attendance on Tuesday & Saturday (details above).

Doug has spent a lot of time researching the names on the War Memorial but is having difficulty in tracing just four names/families – can you help with any of these, please:-

S Dolby – Sidney Dolby of Albert Road, b 1921 d Manchester area 1947

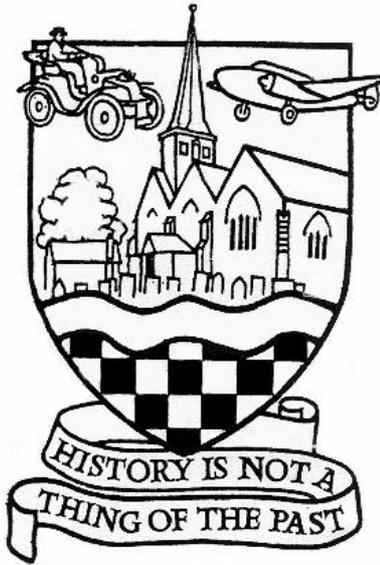
M Edwards – Albert Road, son of (Blundel) Edwards who had a shop in Albert Road

B A Parkes – no other detail known

G E Smith – no other detail known

If you can help, please contact Doug by telephone (number below)

Russell Sq – The tower crane was dismantled and removed on 24th November and since then a lot of the plastic sheeting has been removed from the scaffolding, much of which has now gone as well. It would be wrong to state an opinion of the appearance of the new building which has been revealed, suffice to say that some may like it as a modern new building. What a far cry to the old Newman House and before that, to when it was Browne's Nursery. Showing my age now, but I recall only too well going into the shop which stood adjacent to then and now current cycle shop in the Victoria Rd to buy seeds, seeing them being measured out on a balance scale and placed into a paper bag. The seeds themselves were kept in nice little wooden drawers, each with a small handle or knob and a label detailing its contents. None of the coloured packets that we see today with a picture on the front.



Lidl is currently closed for refurbishment works, above Horley Cinema and two adjacent shops, Scott Stonehewer (Estate Agents) and Horley Hardware which was run for many years by the late Peter Tyrrell. The white oblong on the left hand side is end of then Waitrose, now Lidl building. (photo @ editor)

WEBSITE www.horleyhistory.org.uk webmaster Peter Cox

As usual there has been a steady trickle of enquiries received over the wires, which are ably processed by our webmaster. If he is unable to answer himself he passes them to an appropriate member who may be able to help. The subjects have included 'When was the car park behind Collingwood Batchellor built ?' 'Aerial photographs of the Horley Garden Estate', 'Plans of the construction of Consort Way', 'Booklet issued on the opening of Horley Swimming Pool (the original one), 'Court Lodge School & Meath Green School and their Registers' and the 'Enderby Family and the old school house The Grove'. There have probably been more but it just goes to show that our website does attract viewers – how often do YOU look at our website ? Want to know what is happening in Horley or need some information - why not try looking on our site? We also have a presence on Facebook, find us on Horley Local History Society page but DO NOT mix us up with Memories Of Horley page, they are nothing to do with us at all.

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