



HORLEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

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

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

Thursday 28th November Pontifex Maximus – Colossus of Roads

Les Lockett will speak on the work of Thomas Telford, the Scottish Engineer, architect and stonemason who was noted for his bridges and roads

Thursday 19th December

HLHS member John Chisholm will test your local knowledge with a Quiz, followed by Christmas Social

Thursday 23rd January 2014

Doug Cox has been researching the fallen of WW1 and will speak on some of his findings for the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of the Great War

Thursday 27 February 2014

Annual General Meeting – please make every effort to attend as important decisions need to be made regarding the future of the Society. If time permits afterwards there may be a short talk by our Chairman, Alan Reid on Chertsey Abbey and its connections with Horley

RECENT MEETING Reports

Thursday 24th September Rupert Bear

David Rae gave a talk on Rupert Bear from his first appearance in 1920 to the present day, including displaying a bear from the current Channel 5 series on television. He also brought along some artefacts from his personal collection including framed pictures of all the characters and a number of past editions of 'Rupert Annual'

Thursday 28th October

Peter Hawksley from Horley Bowling Club spoke on the club's 100th Anniversary. He explained the rules of the game first before passing round an HBC ball for inspection. He then gave a timeline of the club's history and showing old photographs from their collection.

SOCIETY ARCHIVES

The Archives have now all been into the care of David Morgan at Barleymead on Langshott Estate. If anyone would like to inspect any of the records then please contact David either at Meetings or via a Committee Member (contact details at the end of this newsletter or on our website)

Former NEWMAN HOUSE Victoria Rd development site now to be called 'RUSSELL SQUARE'

Development is proceeding apace and the Society has been promised copies of film and/or photos taken from the on-site tower crane by their operatives. In the meantime two members are doing their best to record the rapidly growing buildings from street level. The Society provided pictures needed by the developers to enhance the hoardings around the site with all being used except one of the railway scene for which they sourced a different image. If you have not seen them, they are on the frontage to Russells Crescent. Good relations are enjoyed with Thames Valley Housing Association,(TVHA) and Brian Buss has been our contact with them. (contact details at the end of this newsletter or on our website)

A REPLACEMENT for Lou Targett – help required please

Before Lou moved away he recorded and saved all mention of HLHS that appeared in articles, newspapers, etc for our archives. Would any member like to take this simple task on – if you can, the contact details on next page !

SHOPS, old and new

A long vacant, indeed a never previously occupied shop, in the 'new' Elbourne House in the High St has now been taken and trades under the name 'Serendipity' , selling gifts and homewares. Also opened during the summer is the adjoining coffee shop Ferrito's. An Italian Restaurant, Da Peppino opened in the old cinema building next to the Police Station in Massetts Rd on October 10th and looks very smart decked out in cream and dark brown.. Good Luck to these three new businesses in our town.

Back in the High St, the shop until recently occupied variously by the YMCA, Peacocks, Kwik Save and Shoppers Paradise is currently being fitted out for a Morrisons Local shop, the multiple grocer and provision merchants. Those of us with longer memories will recall that this was the site of the former Albion House, the high-class grocer that traded under the 'Stapley' name.

At the railway end of the High St and opposite the entrance to the subway Horley Electrical have opened in the shop formerly occupied by Ray Cook prior to his retirement. Prominence has also been given on their fascia to Euronics which I believe to be that of a franchise. It is good to see electrical goods once again available in town.

In the Victoria Road, Don Ruffles, stationers, are currently closed following property damage after a car crashed into their frontage. The Surrey Mirror reports that there were no injuries but repairs may take a while to effect. In the meantime they continue to trade via their on-line business.

CORRESPONDENCE received

Stephen Curry, Senior Teams Officer, Enquiry Direct c/o Guildford Library visited us on 29th October and has subsequently written to us " I had a fascinating and informative visithow lucky the enquirers at Horley library to have access to such an enthusiastic and helpful group of volunteers. ...Centre is a remarkable service which the skill and professionalism of you allI was more than impressed. I know that any enquiry which needs to be forwarded to Horley is in safe hands and will be dealt with speedily and thoroughly. It was nice to be able to put names and faces to some of you I know before as names on an email.. Thanks for your hospitality and for the superb service that you provide" A big Thank You to Stephen for those very kind and encouraging words and of course a big credit to the few who regularly attend the library to give that service. Well Done.

HORLEY MIRROR

On 12th September, the long running and popular newspaper, the 'Horley Mirror' had its identity changed upon the merge into the 'Surrey Mirror' along with several other local titles that covered other parts of the East Surrey area. The new 'Surrey Mirror' now includes a page of Horley news inside.

HORLEY POLICE STATION

The public counter has been closed for a couple of years or so and the premises in the Massetts Road had been earmarked for sale sometime ago but following a change in the police command structure plans were put on hold. However, following a full and thorough review an announcement has been made that along with several other stations in Surrey the building will now definitely be put up for sale. A number of administration offices on the site remain in use by the police but it has not been disclosed where any alternative accomodation may be. The mobile Police Station visits Horley on Wednesdays and can be found in the Waitrose Car Park between 10.30am and 12.30pm. (further details can be found on the Surrey Police website)

HLHS WEBSITE

This continues to be accessed by viewers world wide, many times by tens of people at any one time. This brings forth many emails, some with complimentary remarks. All are answered by those who man the library desk. Recent queries concerned Land Girls at Court Lodge farm, a family who were inn-keepers at the Station Hotel in the 1880s and others seeking help about past family members. Recent personal enquires include a Canadian born in Horley and someone with an extensive knowledge of Bysshe Court.

Peter Cox continues to keep the website looking new by frequently adding the photos of old Horley.

HLHS EXHIBITION STANDS in the Library

Members who man the desk regularly replace the exhibition that attracts many visitors

FINALLY

Some of you may have noticed a different 'feel' about this newsletter and you would be right ! Your committee have asked me for a little help and not wanting to let the Society down, I volunteered to see what I could do. At this stage I would describe myself as 'Guest Editor' but will have to wait and see if I am asked to continue.

John Chisholm

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