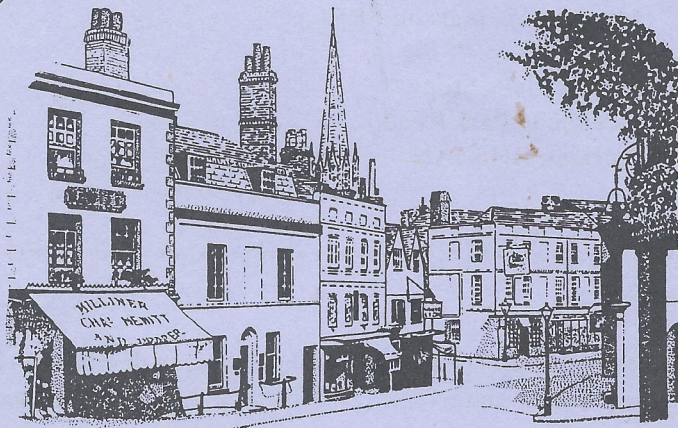


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EDITORIAL

Civic Pride is an old fashioned expression, perhaps unfamiliar to the younger generation. Yet it summarises an attitude and an emotion that Dorking deserves and one we should nurture and sustain. There is no room for complacency about our town's appearance, especially the impact it makes on visitors. This should be of interest even to those whose thinking is largely 'market-oriented'. An untidy, unprepossessing town, a town not concerned with the impression it gives, will not prosper commercially, if that is what is important. Of course to those who have a broader outlook, it is obvious that Dorking offers so much that is worth looking after and presenting in the best possible light.

Quite apart from the traffic chaos and the sudden and unexpected interruptions to electricity supplies, the brutal surgical treatment that Dorking is currently undergoing in the interests of cable tv and telecommunications is leaving a trail of ugly wounds: winding tarmac strips, already sinking below the level of the rest of the footways; green metal cabinets (something more for the disabled and visually impaired to bump into on the footways); and grass verges broken up and left half-bald, the scars decorated with bits of tarmac and large stones. When the deed is done, and the rippers-up and throwers-back leave to go and do likewise elsewhere, should not the Town Forum (or Town Centre Management Committee) arrange an audit, a tour of inspection, and consider what might be done to put some of these

things right, to decide who is responsible for doing just that, and then see it is done?

Damage to the town's appearance also arises from other aspects of modern living and technology, most notably that awesome mixed blessing of the 20th century, motor vehicles of all kinds. The once pleasing, if minimal grass verges along the A24 north of the Deepdene roundabout, on which we have commented before, are presently a very sorry sight at this, a principal entrance to the town. Their grass has been punished and in some cases totally removed by vehicles overriding the almost non-existent kerbs, and by illegal, footway-blocking car parking. These things could be stopped effectively by raising the height of the kerb or, better still, by driving in short wooden posts, to prevent vehicles from getting onto the footway at all. Your Editor has suggested this in writing to the Council, but so far the only action taken has been to tarmac some of the once-grassed sections, a direct encouragement to invasion of the footpath.

Cotmandene (see our poem on the back cover) was gifted to the citizens of Dorking for their pleasure and enjoyment, yet today it is littered with an ever increasing number of parked cars (sometimes they are even left on the grassed area). Through traffic uses its narrow little roads as 'rat-runs', and since there are no footways, pedestrians seeking a weatherproof surface are at risk of being knocked down. Of course those residents

who have no forecourt or garage should have parking spaces on which to keep their indispensable motors, but is it the case that all the lines of dead cars daily to be seen around the edges of Cotmandene and along Chart Lane beyond the Institute are *residents'* cars? Of course not: many, if not the majority, belong to people who work in the town and wish to avoid paying even a modest fee for occupying the public roadway all day long. Yet round the corner, the large Reigate Road car park (in itself no thing of beauty but mercifully well hidden) is usually half empty. How about a lot more double yellow lines on Cotmandene and along Chart Lane? There would be howls of protest, but these might be met by introducing a 'cheap day' ticket applicable only at the underused Reigate Road car park. Since the space there is presently

The Chairman writes:

At a recent meeting of the Society's Council, one of the members posed the question of whether the Society afforded members acceptable benefits in relation to the subscription paid. The context of this query was a discussion of membership numbers, which over the last twelve months have shown a small decline.

While the council members were advised by the Membership Secretary that the decline had perhaps been accentuated by a number of former members moving away from the area, as well as the inevitable mortality of some of our older supporters, it was true to say that the recruitment of new members had not made up the shortfall. Was this due to a lack of public awareness of the Society's role and activities? Did we fail to provide potential new members with sufficient involvement or interest to persuade them of the advantages of joining us? Could not the council have a more active programme of monthly meetings, on the basis of the Local History Group?

As you may expect, the question provoked some discussion among members although no immediate answers were forthcoming. I believe that there are two considerations paramount in addressing this challenge. First, the aims of the Society are primarily to foster

empty, there would be a net increase in revenue, however low the charge. In this small way the appearance of a most attractive part of our town might be improved overnight. [Incidentally, filling up the Reigate Road car park with displaced roadway parkers might also help with the parking problem in those residential streets whose houses lack garages, now causing desperate residents to pave over their pretty front gardens (or are those streets never used by the freeloader all-day parkers?)]

We invite further suggestions on this theme of improving the appearance of our town and its countryside. Let's not be complacent about Civic Pride: Dorking and its environs deserve all that can be mustered!

Alan A. Jackson

support for the protection of our environment and heritage, and people join the Society because they believe in these objectives - not for purely social reasons. The fact that there are at least two occasions a year when the members can participate directly in a general meeting is significant, but I am less convinced that, should such meetings be held more frequently, this would itself result in increased membership.

The second consideration is that all members of the Council as well as the Executive Committee are volunteers and give of their own time most generously. To place increased burdens on these volunteers might well result in difficulty in filling such positions in future years, to the long term detriment of the Society. I believe that 'one volunteer is worth ten pressed people' is a maxim which we ignore at our peril.

What are your views, and in what way would you like the Council to promote the Society more actively? Please write and let me know. In the meantime, we shall endeavour to ensure that the reputation and public awareness of the Society is one of the aims uppermost in our considerations.

Barry Collins

Mole Valley Local Plan

Under the modern Town and Country Planning system there is a presumption in favour of allowing applications. In other words, the Mole Valley District Council, which deals with most local applications under delegated powers, is bound to approve an application for change of use or for development, unless there is good reason for the contrary. If the Council does not act in accordance with the 'rules', the applicant will appeal, and the Department of Environment will not only allow the appeal and give the permission asked for, but may even award costs against the Council if it acted unreasonably.

It is therefore essential to have a coherent framework which lays down what can and cannot be done without permission. Where permission is needed there must be available to the Council equally clear principles as to what can and cannot be allowed. In the same way guidance is also needed by people seeking permission and by others interested in the planning process, such as this Society.

The basic provisions are contained in the Town and Country Planning Act, which is periodically updated. In recent years the Government has made use of Planning Policy Guidance Notes (PPGs) to fill in the details on a national level. By far the most important one to us is PPG2 which relates to Green Belts, and this has recently been brought up to date. It provides strong and effective support for the policy of restraint in this area. An-other PPG with great significance to Dorking is PPG6 relating to shopping. A new version is in course of preparation and this Society has put in representations to the Department of the Environment welcoming the proposed curbs to out-of-town and edge-of-centre superstores, etc., and also making constructive suggestions for ways of making the PPG more effective in practice.

Planning applications are considered and decided on a monthly basis by the MVDC Planning Committee and details of all local applications are published on a weekly basis in the 'Running List'. The Society's Planning Team is now chaired by Sir Martin Wedg-

wood and has as its other members Beryl Higgins, Richard Ingle, Bill Merry and Daphne Rice. It meets each week and, acting under delegated powers, puts in recommendations to the Council on applications affecting the southern half of the Mole Valley area on which it is felt that the Society should express a view. The team also makes representations and attends Planning Appeals.

So that the Mole Valley District Council and others can interpret the policy documents mentioned above, Local Plans are prepared on a rolling basis by the County Council and by each District Council. Planning decisions are 'plan-led'. It is by looking at the policy documents and at the provisions of the relevant Plan that the Council decides whether or not it is right to follow the presumption in favour of the application as presented. If not, the Planning Committee must decide either that the application should be refused or only allowed subject to strict conditions.

The Surrey Plan was updated in 1994 and the Mole Valley Local Plan is in course of preparation. The latter is to replace the three existing Plans for Leatherhead, for Dorking (prepared as long ago as 1983) and for the Rural Areas (dated 1988). While the three plans are on the same lines, it will be a vast improvement to have a consistent policy structure throughout Mole Valley. What is more, the opportunity is being taken to clarify and strengthen the Plan provisions while bringing them up to date.

This all involves a lot of work for the officers of the MVDC. It takes a long time to bring a new plan into effect, because of the very full provision for consultation. The Consultation Draft of the Plan was dated April 1994. This Society put in 44 separate recommendations. Some of these were on comparatively small matters while others were of greater importance. Hundreds of other representations have come in from individuals, companies and societies. All have been given careful consideration and in January of this year the Council produced a 300 page report setting out the representations with comments and

with suggested changes to the Plan. Now, dated April 1996, we have the 'Deposit version' of the Plan. This is on deposit in public places including the Council Offices, and we all have until 31 May to make comments and suggestions.

After 31 May the next stage will be for an independent inspector from the Department of the Environment to hold a Public Inquiry. The Inspector will report to the Council, which is not bound to accept all that the Inspector says. Hopefully by the end of 1997, we will have our new Plan. It will then be time to start work on the next revision!

Your Society has had a number of its suggestions incorporated into the present Deposit Draft. It is considering carefully the present draft and will make comments. In general the Society supports the MVDC in relation to this Plan. In particular we welcome the firm stand being taken in relation to the Green Belt and its boundaries and the refusal of the Council to be pressurised into allowing any relaxation. We have been fully involved in the negotiations leading to the new shopping policy, which is good for Dorking. Our suggestion that the industrial picture needed to be split between Dorking and Leatherhead has been fully accepted.

The Society has reservations on policies for house extensions, on size of new properties in the Green Belt, on advertisements in the town, on affordable housing provision, on barn conversions, on the importance of the Pippbrook, on the emphasis to be given in relation to threats from Gatwick, M25 and Heathrow expansion and on a number of other issues. We will make our views clear to the Council and to the Inspector at the Inquiry.

If you have not yet looked at the Plan, please do so NOW and make sure you make any comments to the Council by 31 May. We are lucky in Mole Valley in having a well-run and forward-looking Planning Department and Planning Committee, which seek to take us into the 21st century with an up-to-date Plan. If we are to pass onto future generations our splendid town and its wonderful surroundings in good order and relatively unharmed, we need the best tools to hand. This Society will do all it can to help to ensure that the Mole Valley Local Plan provides what we all need so as to enable us not only to sustain but to enhance our environment.

Brian Carr

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Political Bias' and the privatisation of the Railway System

Dear Sir,

I hope it may be some encouragement to you to learn that my latent support for the DDPS lurched out of apathy a couple of years ago precisely *because* I sensed a readiness to become more involved, more noticeable in issues at the fringe of political debate. It may well be that this was there before - or style rather than substance.

Anyway, it's fine by me! If the Society is not to be bland and ineffective, it must express views, and debate is necessary to form those views.

Michael Beney, Tower Hill, Dorking,
23 January 1996

Dear Sir,

Congratulations on the stand you have taken in your Editorial to *Newsletter 13*, regarding an accusation of political bias which you have received on rail privatisation.

I entirely agree that you have the right to question government policies of whatever political hue, where they seem likely to repercuss adversely on the local scene. To the specific case you cite I would add the generality of cases where notwithstanding a local public enquiry rejecting a proposal, appeal to central government overrules the rejection. These also need to be fought.

The information you quote in the last paragraph on page 5 of the *Newsletter* illustrates a situation likely to be widespread throughout the country once the presently

conceived full rail privatisation is implemented. One still hopes that such will never come about. Your quotation of happenings already in being is adequate justification of the stand you have taken.

G. C. C. Bell, Burney Road, Westhumble
23 January 1996

Dear Sir,

I would like to offer you my full support concerning the remarks that you made about railway privatisation. It is surprising that you have been accused of 'slight political bias' since your comments only pointed out the consequences of a reduced service. You are quite right in pointing out in the January *Newsletter* that you must have the right to question government policy when it may damage our local services.

I believe that all governments should be responsible for providing a comprehensive public transport system and at the present time I have grave reservations about the long term future of the railways.

John Higdon, Tollgate Road, Dorking
7 February 1996

Dear Sir,

Never mind whether the railways are privatised or not: let us have more trains at lower fares and they would be better patronised.

Westhumble is poorly served. And could we not have reinstated the last late night trains from London to stations south of Epsom? It is almost impossible to enjoy a London concert or theatre *and* have a meal.

The unmanned station - another regret! Apart from lack of help and more

Seek Ye and Do Not Find

It seems that Messrs Kuoni have named one of their office blocks Deepdene Lodge. This is causing problems for those who live in one of the original Deepdene lodges (two still survive, having outlived the old Deepdene mansion). Directed with no doubt well-intentioned accuracy, the harassed drivers of enormous road trucks perilously negotiate narrow private roads, pull up at what looks like (and is) a lodge, only to find it is not what

inconvenience for the passenger, this modern trend is an invitation to the vandal and fare dodger. Oh for the days when Westhumble wellies were discarded by morning commuters and put out ready for the evening return!

I do think these newsletters are excellent - both for content and for presentation.

Mrs. H. D. Scarlett, Burney Road,
Westhumble (no date)

What Can be Bought in Dorking

Dear Sir,

Naturally I read with interest your article on linen shopping. Since my last letter I too have discovered whilst Christmas shopping there were small outlets at the places you mention. I would also add that Eveleighs has a supply of towels! But unfortunately the market stall has ceased to trade. An interesting experience - a bit like 'Hunt the Thimble'!

Cecely Anniss, Heron Court, Dorking
19 January 1996

Dear Sir,

With reference to shops (or lack of!) in Dorking, members I am sure will be interested to know that an excellent shop opened before Christmas selling a wide range of haberdashery and craft items. It is in Lyons Court, which is situated up the side of Lloyds Bank in the High Street.

Mrs. N. Cellier, Rose Hill, Dorking
27 January 1996

they seek after all. The occupants are bothered unnecessarily and the driver then has to extricate his vehicle.

Dorking must be a good place to live *if you do not want to be found*; apart from the business of the several Deepdene lodges, we have no less than SEVEN roads containing the word Deepdene!

A.A.J.

News from Dorking & District Museum

Admissions in 1995 brought in £312. With increased charges now in operation this figure should be doubled. Whilst rent, light and heating last year amounted to £1,000, building maintenance cost only £95 thanks to our team of DIY men, who do not charge for their long hours of hard labour. It is clear that we operate on a shoestring, but without an increase in the number of visitors this string could break. Please ensure that your neighbours and friends know about the Museum, especially if they have children. Unfortunately, even for a voluntary Museum, money matters!

Young men and women recently retired or part time retired from gainful employment will be very greatly welcomed either as additions to the maintenance working party or as *stewards*. We are a friendly crowd; the social atmosphere is very congenial, and regularly lubricated with tea and biscuits! Please have a word with Graham Potter (01306 743821) if you would have even the slightest inclination to join the volunteers.

Lionel Green

The Chairman of the Mole Valley District Council, Michael Anderson, made an official visit to the Museum on 18 January 1996. Since his chain of office was initially concealed by an overcoat, our efficient stewards quickly relieved him of 40 pence before his true identity was revealed. However, as *our* Chairman, Lionel Green, explained to him, the need for money is certainly acute just now: plans have been made for a much needed expansion, at some considerable cost, into the neighbouring building. An application for a grant from the National Heritage Lottery Fund has already been made and a decision is expected at any time now. In the meantime, the team of dedicated workers who run the Museum has made various improvements to the already excellent service provided to the community. For example, the ground floor of the library building is now available as a lecture and study room for visiting groups and schoolchildren.

In the course of his tour Mr. Anderson was escorted by Brian Hodges, Curator (Exhibits) and was fascinated by what he called the unpredictability of the exhibits, adding that he thought that the Museum's 'folk character' added to its appeal. He was reassured that this would not be obscured by the possibility of more thematic displays when the extension was brought into use. Mr. Green emphasised the need for a picture gallery on the upper floor of the extension, to reveal the presently hidden beauties of our collection of views by local artists.

Terence O'Kelly showed Mr. Anderson the workshop, only to receive the enquiry 'is this where you manufacture your artefacts?' Mary Turner Curator (Library), welcomed Mr. Anderson to her realm in the Upper Room, which the visitor described as the 'real hub' of local history research. Mr. Anderson was intrigued to discover we have newscuttings of Council proceedings going back to the 1880s.

Refreshments followed and the Chairman was presented with a selection of booklets, including one on the Dorking Cock, with an accompanying 'colour it yourself' sheet. His hosts were delighted with Mr. Anderson's lively interest and encouraged in their determination to continue the excellent work set off by the Museum's founders back in 1975 - volunteers all to a man/woman!

Patricia Bennett

We have recently had some very welcome help from local traders. A large piece of carpeting was donated through the good offices of Messrs. Robins, the furnishers, and this has helped to make the ground floor of the library building more comfortable. For the same room, a quantity of lined curtaining has been given by the Mole Valley Council, following the decision to refurbish the Dorking Halls. Before alterations were done these needed to be drycleaned, work which was carried out by One Day Cleaners, South Street, without charge. All this was done with the greatest courtesy.

There now remains the work of altering and fitting the curtains, which the Working Party (see above) will be undertaking soon (no doubt with the assistance of their wives!)

P. Hodges

The Museum wishes to thank most sincerely everyone who contributed to the David Knight Photograph Collection appeal. This was so successful that we have not only been able to purchase the whole collection but have enough money to provide appropriate storage. The indexing of these acquisitions is about to begin.

Sue Tombs

List of Acquisitions by Dorking Museum since 1 August 1995

1. 'Ensignette' Camera- c.1910*
2. Framed colour photograph of the Dorking Halls - c.1960*
3. Shot flask for sporting gun -early/mid 19th century*
4. Photographic copy of watercolour of old Westcott Forge - 1906*
5. Salter household scales - early 20th century*
6. Two packets (3d each) paper damask tablecloths - c.1930*
7. Framed photograph of Dorking Urban District Council meeting in Pippbrook House - 1963/4
8. Two wooden benches from old Broadmoor (Abinger) Reading Room - 19th century*

9. Five lead traders' tokens, found on the Nower - probably medieval*
10. Five medals won by C. Duffield in 1903-1907 in Dorking Gymnasium competition*
11. Silver inkwell - 1914*
12. Card of cambric fillings - early 20th century*

* on display in the Museum.

Library Report

The Museum library continues to be a hive of activity with researchers and library helpers. We have received a steady stream of items to add to our collection. Our main acquisition lately has been the David Knight Photograph Collection, thanks to all those who gave so generously to the appeal fund. Having purchased the 28 albums and many loose photographs, Gladys Arlett and her team now have the big task of accessioning and indexing them all.

With the calls on library space increasing all the time we are very lucky to have our new work area downstairs. Dorking Public Library has given us a work table. Gifts of a carpet and curtains have already been mentioned above. This all makes a comfortable, if sometimes chilly, place for researchers and helpers alike to work. We have also used it as a reception room for entertaining visiting groups, a study area for school visits and for committee meetings.

Mary Turner

The Punchbowl

It has been decided, after correspondence at the highest level, that there is scant likelihood of this old name being exhibited at the Little Chef restaurant now occupying the inn building. For the time being the matter will be kicked into touch.

MVDC Donation

The Mole Valley District Council has promised to donate £3,500 towards the Museum

Extension Project, should the Heritage Fund agree to make a grant.

Planning Team

Mrs. Daphne Rice, formerly Director of Planning, Reigate and Banstead District Council, has joined the Society's Planning Team, where her expertise will, we are sure, prove invaluable. Brian Carr, our new President, who for the last two years has led the team with enormous energy and efficiency, has handed over as its Chairman to Martin Wedgwood.

News from the Local History Group

Although the membership has fallen over the last year, our meetings have continued to be well attended. Speakers have chosen a variety of topics, including 'Recording Churches', 'The History of Farming Locally' and 'The Story of W. J. Robins'. Many members also enjoyed the annual New Year Party, ably arranged by Lionel Green and Cliff Weight.

The March outing to Pattydene Manor in Kent proved a great success and those who were lucky enough to go spent a very pleasant afternoon at this delightful old house.

Owing to increased rates for the hire of the hall, the AGM in April voted to increase the annual subscription by £1 to £5 from 1 Janu-

ary 1997. Additional members at the same address will continue to pay £2.

Our Chairman for the past three years, Sue Tombs, stepped down at the AGM. Her hard work for the group over that time is very much appreciated and I can only hope that I can keep up her high standards.

Mary Turner (Chairman)

If you are interested in joining the Local History Group, send for details to the Membership Secretary, c/o Dorking Museum, West Street. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, at 19.30 in the Friends' Meeting House, Butter Hill (members free, non-members £1).

Newsletter Distributors

Through an oversight, the name of Mr. B. S. Hodges was omitted from the list published on page 6 of Newsletter 13. Mr. Hodges delivers to some 30 addresses, several of which he has recruited as members of the Society. He is even more involved, since he is a Curator of our Museum in West Street, and has been a member of the management for 16 years. Apologies.

Michael Beggs

Deepdene Gardens project

A consultants' report at a cost of £16,785 has been initiated. The cost will be underwritten by the Society but some offsetting Council and other donations are expected.

Bequest

The Society has received a generous bequest of £1,250 from the late Mr. Gordon Russell. Mr. & Mrs. Russell, former residents of Dorking, moved first to Wotton and then about six years ago to Haslemere. After leaving Dorking Mr. Russell maintained his support of the Society and his affection for the area, a fact which is well demonstrated by his gift. We are most grateful.

B. C.

Membership

Current total membership of the Society exceeds 1,050 and there are 40 corporate members; more of the latter are being actively sought. Over 40 forgetful people are in arrears with our very modest subscription - ARE YOU ONE? Membership queries please to Mrs. Lynda Bailey (01306 884969), Danesmount, Tower Hill, Dorking RH4 2AT.

Rights of Way in Surrey

The definitive edition of *Rights of Way in Surrey* has now been published. Enquiries on this matter should be made to Mr. H. Gort (01306 882147), Deepdene Cottage, Reigate Road, Dorking RH4 1QF.

Carnival

Dorking will be without its usual annual carnival this year, but it will be reinstated in 1997.

Town Twinning

It is proposed to 'twin' Dorking with Gouvieux, a small town 35km almost directly north of Paris and just east of Chantilly, famous for its racecourse and chateau. Chantilly appears to be the nearest railway station. A delegation from Gouvieux is to visit Dorking in June.

Heritage Open Days 1996

The Civic Trust originated the idea of Heritage Open Days as a means of stimulating public awareness of our rich architectural and cultural history by allowing free access to properties not normally open to the public.

The Society has been invited to organise in our area the Open Days on 14-15 September 1996 and a working party has been set up. A number of possible properties have been identified and an approach has been made to the owners requesting participation. In addition to access to the properties, it is hoped to include guided walks in areas of special interest. Watch the local papers for further details.

Public Transport Topics

Did you know that there are now three trains an hour to London almost all day (except Sundays) from Dorking? One of these,

departing Dorking at 50 minutes past every hour from 9.50 until early evening, does not stop at Box Hill or between Epsom and Wimbledon, covering the journey to London Waterloo (for Paris and Brussels!) in 38/39 minutes, the fastest time from Dorking to London for very many years, if not the fastest ever, and much faster than by car. A similar service operates in the Down direction. These trains run to and from Horsham.

This improvement was introduced last year by the supposedly inefficient BR. Although it is fair to say that BR, had it continued, would not necessarily have maintained this new facility in perpetuity, as previously stated here, there is no guarantee of *any kind* of all day Waterloo service built into the privatisation regime, which slants the guaranteed service (the so-called 'Passenger Service Requirement') to the slower, more congested route via Sutton to London Victoria.

A direct service from Guildford to West Croydon via Epsom and Sutton is to be introduced in the Summer 1996 timetable. This will be available to Dorking passengers by changing at Epsom. A. A. J.

Next Issue

All copy for the next issue to the Editor by 31 July please. (Copy dates are now 31 July, 30 November and 30 April.)

Corporate Members Supporting the Society

Note that all addresses are of Dorking town, unless shown otherwise, and all telephone numbers shown have the code 01306.

Name	Address	Tel:	Business
Abbey Information Systems Ltd.	1 Paper Mews, 330 High St. RH4 2TU	740 553	Computer consultancy
Bales Tours Ltd.	Bales House, Junction Road, RH4 3EB	885 923	Travel agents
Biwater Group Ltd.	Biwater Ho., Station Appr, RH4 1TZ	740 740	Water treatmt, eqpt, services
Bradney & Co	56 Dene Street, RH4 2DP	743 939	Chartered accountants
Bradshaws	94 South St., RH4 2EW	882 540	Newsagents
Bullimores	156 South Street, RH4 2EU	880 880	Chartered accountants
A. B. Clear	246 High Street, RH4 1QR	883 455	Antiques
Country Gardens Ltd.	Reigate Road, RH4 1NP	884 845	Garden centre
Cowan & Wood	114 South Street, RH4 2EZ	886 622	Solicitors
Crow's Auction Gallery	Behind Dkg Halls, Reigate Rd, RH4 1SG	740 382	Auctioneers & valuers
Dorking School of Motoring	3 Lyons Court, RH4 1AB	880119	Driving school
Downs	156 High Street, RH4 1BQ	880 110	Solicitors and notaries
Ellis Atkins & Co.	1 Paper Mews, 330 High St., RH4 2TU	886 681	Chartered accountants
FdK Design Consultants	South House, 21 South St., RH4 2JZ	741 343	Design consultants
Friends Provident Life Office	Pixham End, RH4 1QA	740 123	Life Assurance
Graham Brown & Co (Dkg) Ltd	43 South Street, RH4 2JX	882 264	Insurance brokers
Graham Leather Ltd.	64/65 West Street, RH4 1BS	887 727	China and glassware
Grosse UK Ltd.	Portland Road, RH4 1JL	743 333	Fashion jewellery mfrs.
Hammond Concrete Tstg & Servs	P. O. Box 75, 2 Cedar Close, RH4 2YX	887 854	Concrete contractor
Hart Scales & Hodges	159 High Street, RH4 1AD	884 432	Solicitors
Harvey-Jones, Phillips Prtnrship	57 West Street, RH4 1BS	742 200	Ind. financial advisors
International Sports Mktg Ltd.	Bales Ct., Barrington Rd., RH4 3EJ	743 322	Marketing consultants
Kuoni Travel Ltd.	Deepdene Ave. RH5 4AZ	840 888	Tour operators
Locomotive Software Ltd.	Unit 10/11, Vincent Works, RH4 3HJ	747 757	Computer software
Martin Brown	253 High Street, RH4 1RP	884 685	Estate agents
National Westminster Bank plc	14 High Street, RH4 1AX	881 823	Clearing bank
Newspaper Press Fund	Dickens Ho., 35 Wathen Rd., RH4 1JY	887 511	Charity
Newton & Co.	173 High Street, RH4 1AD	884 208	Chartered accountants
Rapley & Co.	Jubilee Terrace, RH4 1LE	882 605	Wheelchair sales/repairs
Michael Schryver Antiques Ltd.,	The Granary, 10 North St. RH4 1DN	881 110	Antiques restoration
Philip Sears Designs	18c Horsham Rd., RH4 2JD	884 477	Architectural bldg surveyors
Simply the Best Party Stores Ltd.	238 High Street, RH4 1QR	885944	Novelties and party goods
Tricia Topping Associates	40 Upper Mulgrave Rd., Cheam SM2 7AJ		Public relations consultants
Unum Ltd.	Milton Court, RH4 3LZ	887 766	Disability insurers
Venhill Engineering	21 Ranmore Road, RH4 1HE	885 111	Specialist cable mfrs
Ventrolla	Myrtle Cottage, Newdigate RH5 5AD	631 773	Window frame restorers
Viscount Agencies	Concept House, 3 Dene St., RH4 2DR	880 715	Duty free agency
L. A. White (Dkg) Ltd.	11 Yew Tree Road, RH4 1HU	885 245	Builder
White & Sons	104 High Street, RH4 1AZ	887 654	Estate agents
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Cotmandene

Not Ranmore, nor the wooded hill of Leith,
Nor Holmwood, with its breezy fern-clad heath,
Not lovely Shere, nor quiet Brockham Green,
Are half as dear to me as Cotmandene.

The groves hard by, that grace the home of Hope,
The Glory Woods that deck its southern slope -
When sun's beams are glancing in between -
Make fairyland for me of Cotmandene.

The gossips' paradise, and near resort
For youths and maidens bent on love or sport;
And broken bats and broken hearts have been
A source of grief, I fear, at Cotmandene.

The war-drum sounds! the village lads depart,
And leave behind them many an aching heart;
And huts that mask the shrapnel guns are seen
In stern array on peaceful Cotmandene.

At night, beneath a pale and moonlit sky,
A spectral troop of warriors marches by;
And maimed and wounded men of ghostly mien
Salute the flag that floats o'er Cotmandene.

But soon these days of war and woe shall pass,
And ground, now bare, be clothed again with grass;
And village girls shall crown their beauty-queen,
And hail the Golden Age on Cotmandene.