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Telecom (BT) building of 1966 with its 1977 extension in similar style.

The Neo-Vernacular Pippbrook complex of the early 1980s blends happily enough with its surroundings. At the time, its architect, Michael Innes, commented that his designs were: "A little whimsical; I have been a little light-hearted". Although not everyone took to his whimsy then, most people now accept Pippbrook as a successful attempt to produce a group of buildings with a rustic feel which do not look obtrusive against the backdrop of the North Downs.

Alas, this cannot be said of the BT block, which all too strongly illustrates how discordant the architecture of the 1960s can be, when as here, it is left in isolation, without anything else of its period around it. In his Surrey volume of the Penguin *Buildings of England* series (1971), Ian Nairn, unrepentant devotee of the Modernist school, always anxious to seek out "recent buildings" for adulation and upset at finding few in Dorking, declared the telephone exchange "Good nicely detailed". Well, let's be charitable: it would blend acceptably enough into Milton Keynes or Harlow New Town, but in Dorking it has always seemed like a ship out of water. The subsequent addition of ugly aerials to its flat roof has done nothing to improve matters.

BT, facing a period of great change and competition, are disposing of properties containing space rendered surplus by new technology. There is a strong likelihood that their Dorking estate may fall into this category sooner rather than later.

Even if there is some irreducible residue which has to be retained by BT, the major part of the site might well be released for redevelopment.

It is to be hoped the Mole Valley Council are alert to this possibility. They already own the land up to BT's eastern boundary and have done their best to soften the unwelcome intrusion of the 1966/1977 architecture by tree planting and other landscaping (which happily also partially obscures the ugliness of their own collection of static motor cars). If and when the BT building is put on the market, it seems likely that the Council may be in no position to acquire or even lease what is on offer themselves, but the importance of this site justifies the most stringent examination of any proposals for redevelopment. The south block is presently too high, and it will be necessary to resist commercial pressures to retain it or replace it with something of equal rise which would continue to block pleasant views north and east that once existed. In its architecture, any new work here must be in keeping with its neighbours, including Michael Innes' Pippbrook. A new building might be allowed to extend round the corner of London Road to compensate for lost height, but if this were done the building line should mirror that now established on the opposite side of Reigate Road, completing the gateway effect. A very worthwhile enhancement of the approach to the town from the east would then be achieved.

ALAN A JACKSON

NEWS, NOTES AND VIEWS

ASHTEAD PUTS US TO SHAME

With only around 1,000 members we have a long way to go to catch up with the Ashtead Residents' Association, which currently boasts 5,805, or 65 per cent of the area's households. What is their secret? According to the current issue of *The Ashtead Resident*, this commendable result is almost entirely due to the sterling work done by a "large and dedicated band of road stewards encouraging more residents to join".

TOUCAN? YOU CAN; BUT ONLY IF YOU ARE PATIENT AND NORTHBOUND OR SOUTHBOUND

A "Toucan" light-controlled pedestrian crossing was installed in December on the east side of the A24/A25 Deepdene Roundabout. This will be helpful to all walking between the Deepdene area and the schools and railway stations in north Dorking. A recent check shows that a full 30 seconds elapse between the time the button is pressed and the lights change to stop the traffic. If this unnecessarily long delay is not reduced, it may defeat the intention of this installation, tempting the impatient,

particularly youngsters, to venture out into the roadway before the lights change in their favour, placing them in danger of death or serious injury.

Meanwhile the east-west crossings at what must be one of the busiest roundabouts in south-east England continue to expose pedestrians to the risk of being hit by fast-moving traffic speeding down the hill or accelerating too enthusiastically as they surge up it. Let's hear when lights are to be installed to tame this flow and whether we can perhaps have a 15 second delay at most. It does seem possible to provide a quicker response elsewhere.

PITY THE POOR VERGE

Many residential roads in our area are bordered with grass verges; some major roads also have them, and the pitiful remnants of one such may still be seen in Deepdene Avenue south of the railway bridge, now converted to a cycle track.

As well as attracting a privileged species of litter which is left unharvested for the wind to play with, these verges are all too often abused by drivers, who feel free to park one or both sides of their vehicles on them. Others, too lazy to find a more suitable turning space, back into them when reversing. Even in dry weather, such thoughtlessness can cause unsightly damage, but in wet spells like that experienced this winter, wheel ruts are cut deeply into the softened earth. Such damage is invariably left for someone else to repair, as in the case of one Society member known to us, who early in the new year had the verge alongside his property deeply rutted no less than *three times* in as many weeks.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

One of the many things that The Society supports is **Heritage Open Days** when properties not normally open to the public are open for visitors and several other events take place. This year Heritage Open Days are Saturday & Sunday 8 & 9 September, and events planned for Dorking include, in addition to the opening of many local buildings, special openings of the Caves and the Museum, an audio visual show given by local photographer Derek Forss, several guided walks, a quiz and possibly a Jazz Concert and a Poetry Workshop.

The Society has in the past run an Information Point (and the Society Stand) for Heritage Open

MORE ORANGE IN THE NIGHT

That part of the A24 which penetrates the woodlands of the former Deepdene Estate and the Glory Wood is at present unlit from a point about 200 metres south of the Deepdene Roundabout. It has no houses opening on to it, and at night cyclists and pedestrians are rarely encountered in the roadway. Some bright character at County Hall has now suggested public money be spent to erect and power tall lighting standards which would bathe the whole distance as far as the North Holmwood roundabout in a sickly orange glow, visible from afar.

This is yet another example of the ugliness which comes as the inevitable companion of the still unchecked growth in road traffic. It threatens to erode what is left of Dorking's precious rural oases. As someone said in the 1990s, children of the new millennium may never see the stars.

This unwelcome proposal, if agreed, will certainly give those unfamiliar with the phrase "light pollution" a clear demonstration of its meaning. If, like your editor, you consider it unnecessary, even dangerous in encouraging drivers into a false sense of security and higher speeds, or if you see it simply as another threat to the environment which our Society exists to defend, make your views known to the County Councillor for Dorking South, David Timms (tel 884017).

Days at The Friends Meeting House in Butter Hill. If you have an hour or two to spare on either Saturday 8 or Sunday 9 September and would be able to help man the Information Point and Stand or to steward at one of the many properties that are open, or at an event, please would you contact Mrs Sarah Hawkes, 15 Yew Tree Road, Dorking RH4 1ND (01306-883699). Even if you are not able to help, do make a note in your diary of the event, as there will be many things of interest to visit. A free leaflet, giving opening times and details of all events, will be available in the summer.

SARAH HAWKES

(More in the July Newsletter. Last day for copy to the editor: 5 June.)

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

RAIL SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS IN MID-TERM FUTURE?

The 35% French-owned Go-Via Group have emerged as the "preferred bidder" for the 2002-2022 franchise for the territory presently worked by Connex South Central. Go-Via proposes to operate this bit of our disastrously-fragmented railway system as the "New Southern Railway", amongst other things promising to upgrade the Arundel-Horsham-London route as an alternative to the already congested Brighton main line which, from 2006, will be required to provide more paths for the cross-London Thameslink services.

Should this come about, Dorking will benefit because regular interval expresses would once again run to and from the coast via Sutton and Epsom. Go-Via propose to build a new north to east curve at Ford to allow the direct running of two trains an hour between Brighton and Worthing and London via Dorking as well as the West Sussex coast services. Passengers from Dorking would have access to these, giving them appreciably shorter journey times to and from London in new air-conditioned Electrostar trains with a maximum speed of 100 m/h. After track improvements at Epsom, these will be able to overtake local services there. Between Dorking and Epsom, the present maximum speed of 60-70 m/h will be increased to 100 m/h.

If the franchise is finally awarded to Go-Via next year, it will take several years before these

changes come about, should they emerge unscathed from a detailed scrutiny by the Strategic Rail Authority and financiers in the coming months. As we all know too well, in Britain there is sure to be a very long time gap between promises and delivery of even quite modest construction and engineering projects.

CHEAPER BUS TRAVEL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

All District Councils in Surrey have approved a proposal which will provide free bus passes for these categories, entitling them to reduced fares. Surrey County Council, who subsidise much of the present bus network in our area, have yet to give their agreement, but it is already clear that the original plan to have a 50p flat fare for permit holders cannot be financed within the SCC's current budget. Half the normal bus fare will be payable instead.

This may fill a few seats in the buses we so often see passing through our district empty or almost empty. We doubt whether it will produce any tangible reduction in private car use. Even the completely free access that prevails in London's Surbiton, Croydon, Sutton and other favoured parts of what was once Surrey would make little impression on the use of cars in the present county, where car ownership is almost a quarter higher than the national average and around 50 per cent of all households have more than one car.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on Thursday 26 April 2001, at 19.30
at the United Reformed Church Hall,
West Street, Dorking.

Mr Fred Aldsworth of the firm Broadway-Malyan
will give an illustrated talk on
'The Rescue of Betchworth Castle'

REPORTS OF SOCIETY OFFICERS AND GROUPS

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

CHANGES TO YOUR COUNCIL

Farewell and many thanks to Ian Brothchie;
Welcome to Ted White.

Ian Brothchie has been our Hon Secretary for the last three years. He has been efficient and energetic, and a support on whom first Barry Collins and then I have been able to rely with complete confidence. Just over a year ago he and his wife Sandra moved to Fittleworth, 30 miles away, but they both continued to be heavily involved in Dorset affairs and he continued with no appreciable loss of commitment to carry out the by no means negligible task of Secretary of this Society.

The time has come, however, in which he, quite naturally, feels he wants to make a change. He is becoming more involved in Fittleworth affairs, and he and Sandra want to be able to spend more time in their second home in the Dordogne, as well as travel more extensively. So, reluctantly, he has decided to step down as Secretary after our Annual General Meeting on 26 April.

Fortunately a successor has emerged, and Ted White has agreed to take over. He has also been until recently a churchwarden of St Martin's parish church, in which capacity many members of this Society may know him already.

Many thanks to Anne Champion

Anne Champion, who took over as the Chairman of our Planning Committee in April 1999, has also asked to stand down, as family commitments are now taking more of her time. The task of monitoring planning applications is one of the most important jobs that this Society undertakes and Anne has handled it with strength and enthusiasm. At the time that this is being written, we have not yet found her successor. John Gilliard, also on the Planning Committee, has kindly agreed to stand in on a temporary basis, for which we are enormously grateful and Anne, who has also been ill, has given him all the help she can. But a new permanent chairman of the Planning Committee is urgently needed.

Welcome to Derek Rowbotham

I would also like to welcome a new member to the Council in Derek Rowbotham. As a retired Planning Inspector, he has exactly the right expertise to help us in drawing up our representations to the County Council and District Council that constitute our input into the production of the

various County Structure plans, Waste Plans, Mineral Plans and Local Plans, which provide the basis on which planning applications are assessed. He will be a valuable member of our team.

SAINSBURY'S

No news is good news, they say. In the case of Sainsbury's plans to build a new supermarket on the site of Church Gardens and the Malthouse pub, all seems to have gone very quiet. But is it really good news?

What is happening is that Sainsbury's, on instructions from Mole Valley District Council, has gone away to carry out two studies. The first is a serious investigation into the possibilities or otherwise of constructing an improved supermarket on the site of the existing premises in the High Street. The second is a fully worked-out scheme for a supermarket on Sainsbury's new preferred site. We suspect that this is where the difficulties lie. If the proposed building is one that looms over Meadowbank like a kind of beached ocean liner, or if it is not convincingly tied in to the High Street in a way that will improve High Street business, or if it does not make more than merely adequate provision for the rehousing of the people who live in Church Gardens, then it will be loudly rejected by public opinion. The point of the exercise is to provide material for an exhibition to test public opinion and gain feedback from it. There is no point, therefore, in putting up a scheme where it is self-evident that the bad features heavily outweigh the good. At the very least it must be good enough to have some merit in the eyes of the public that will judge it.

The Council is clearly not prepared to accept a scheme unless it can be demonstrated to have a strong body of opinion in its favour. That must be good news, as far as it goes. It still means, however, that once the scheme has been published, we must make our views felt. Silence otherwise will be taken as consent. It is not helpful, however, to condemn it in advance and unseen.

Meanwhile, we hear stories of Sainsbury employees talking to customers in their store or even to other retailers in the High Street, as if it is a certainty there will be a beautiful big new supermarket in March 2003 on the Church Gardens site. Loyal employees of large organisations frequently

have a high opinion of the wisdom and omnipotence of their companies, but triumphalism is usually unjustified and always bad PR.

SCULPTURE IN DORKING

Last November, as mentioned in the last edition of this Newsletter, Michael Forster, Beryl Higgins, Hannah Peschar and I met round a table to look at dossiers submitted by some 44 sculptors. There was a wide range to choose from, in terms of both quality and style. They ran from the literally representational to the purely abstract, from the humorous to the serious. Some were indifferent, and some were very good indeed. Three hours later we emerged with a short list of three, to whom we wrote inviting them to work up proposals for a sculpture to stand outside Dorking's main Post Office, and to submit them by 20 January. A few days after that we met again, and made our choice.

There is one more hurdle to cross, before we can start fund-raising: the County Highways Department has to approve our proposal from the point of view of public safety. This may seem a small hurdle; I hope it is. If we cross it in time, there will be a leaflet with drawings and photographs giving you all the details, enclosed with this Newsletter. If not, then you should receive it in the mail later on.

Meanwhile, on April 19, the first day of the Leith Hill Musical Festival, a statue of Dr Ralph Vaughan Williams is to be unveiled outside the Dorking Halls. It is to be by the same sculptor, Will Fawke, who made the statue of Thomas Cubitt immediately opposite and is also a gift from Mr Adrian White. Mrs Ursula Vaughan Williams will perform the unveiling.

WEB PAGES

Nowadays no self-respecting organisation can consider itself serious if it does not have some web-pages. In fact we have had ours for something like a year, but have not given it the publicity it deserves. More and more people are gaining access to the internet. Those of you who have now joined the growing army of net-surfers might enjoy looking at our pages. They can be found at www.dps.org.uk. A good way into a range of Dorking-related pages, including our own, is through www.sourcenet.co.uk. Have a look, and give us your comments.

Our pages have a link through to those of the Local History Group, but they can also be accessed direct on www.merivale.u-net.com.

MARTIN WEDGWOOD

DORKING & DISTRICT MUSEUM

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MUSEUM EDUCATION OFFICER

We are very pleased that Mrs Bette Phillips has agreed to fill the post of Education Officer. Bette becomes a member of the museum committee and at its last meeting showed great enthusiasm for the job. Initially she will work with the curators to enhance our involvement with schools.

The museum has a lot of archival material and objects which, with suitable presentation, could be of great interest to school teachers. Initially Bette will contact primary and middle schools to ascertain their needs and tell them what we have. Some groups of children already visit the museum but it might be possible to overcome the transport problems by making up "activity boxes" in particular topics to be taken or loaned to schools. Of course, education is not just for children. We have much to interest older students and adults and will strive to make this more accessible.

Bette, who lives in Dorking, has a degree in English and History and was a school teacher. She used to run her own bookshop, and is well known for her voluntary work and her interest in poetry.

DINOSAUR EXHIBITION

A Dinosaur Exhibition was open to visitors from 14 February to 3 March. We borrowed a display created by geologist Dr Paul Davis while working for the Surrey Museums Consultative Committee with Heritage Lottery Fund support. This was supplemented by drawing special attention to our own fossil exhibits such as our very rare pliosaur skull, *Polyptychodon interruptus*, found in the chalk and part of Lord Ashcombe's collection. Recently it has had conservation work carried out on it at the New Walk Museum, Leicester. It

was originally described by Sir Richard Owen, who was the first Director of the Natural History Museum, London, in his *Cretaceous Reptilia*, 1858-64.

Also on show was the complete articulated tail (about 2.4 m long) of an iguanodon dinosaur dug up when a well was being sunk in the clay at Broomells Farm,

near Capel. This is not that far from where the large claw of a Surrey dinosaur was found by Mr William Walker at Smoke Jack claypit, Walliswood, in 1983, and named *Baryonyx Walkeri* after him.

There was a special dinosaur trail quiz for children.

MARTIN COLE

LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

During the winter closure of the Museum Library we have all been kept very busy. Work on our collection of approximately 1500 sale particulars is nearing completion. The collection was crammed into a four-drawer filing cabinet, and several badly-packed bundles in two drawers of a map chest and items were becoming damaged as a consequence. We began by putting each one into a separate tailored film-front bag. Although these bags are not of full archival quality, which is at the moment beyond our means, we hope they will give adequate protection for a few more years. The collection is now housed in six filing cabinet drawers, in suspension files and less closely packed. Those that are too big (or fragile) are stored in five acid-free boxes on open shelves. The computer database is being amended so that our comprehensive printed indexes will show where each item can now be found. These should be ready in time for the reopening of the library on 7 March.

New material is constantly coming into the Library. There were 119 accessions during 2000 (not counting photographs) and one of these alone included over 170 items. Since the last Newsletter, we have received very little primary source material but we have been given several new publications by people who are working hard researching and writing up various aspects of the history of our area.

MARY TURNER

PHOTOGRAPHS

We have almost finished the conservation programme on our postcard collection. We began by withdrawing postcards from other collections and setting aside any duplicates. We are now protecting them by putting each one in an archival quality polyweld pocket to ensure safer handling. The collection has been fully recorded on a computer database and a printed index has been produced.

At the same time we are turning our attention to our large collections of photographs, not including the Knight Collection which has already

been dealt with. We are dismantling the five collections of photograph albums and combining the photographs contained therein with the main collection of loose photographs. It is a time-consuming job as we are checking for duplicates as we go along. All duplicate photographs and postcards are being reserved as a display collection.

Mole Valley District Council has recently given the Museum photographs of properties that were condemned as unfit for human habitation at varying stages before 1974. Unfortunately none of the photographs give any indication as to the actual address. I have identified three of them but I would be grateful for assistance in locating the others (displayed in the Museum).

GLADYS ARLETT

LIST OF ACQUISITIONS SINCE 5.10.00

1. Flintlock Pistol - c. 1830 *
2. Dorking Bowling Club 50th Anniversary Badge - 1912-1962 *
3. Stoneware ginger beer bottle inscribed "W. R. Butler & Sons, Dorking" *
4. White enamel bread bin - in use 1915-2001 *
5. A Peavey implement - a lumberman's spiked and hooked lever for logging purposes - early 20th century *
6. Silk escape map - Zones of France, 1944 *
7. Pastel portrait of the Revd Gerard Olivier (father of Sir Laurence Olivier) by Agnes Ruff *
8. Tape measure marked "John Dunn & Sons, Furriers, 292-4 High Street, Dorking" - c. 1960 *
9. Printer's block, copper on wood, showing The Newdigate Press buildings, formerly in Vincent Lane, Dorking - c. 1960
10. Hand-engraved medicine glass in case - late 1940 *
11. "Siren" whistle - 1930 *

* On display in the Museum

B S HODGES

LETTERS

9 November 2000

Dear Sir,

I was dismayed to read in your letters page of Members taking a stance about the possibility of a Sainsbury Supermarket and associated development being constructed to the rear of St Martin's Walk.

The Mole Valley Local Plan clearly sets out the criteria and conditions that would have to be met before such a proposal could go forward. Equally, the developers are committed to public consultation prior to any Planning Application being submitted, and this has yet to take place.

I hope sincerely that the Society will not take a stance about this proposal until we are all aware of what the proposals are and the public consultation has commenced.

Even then, following the public consultation, the proposals could change prior to a Planning Application being submitted. Surely it is when the Planning Application is submitted, and when the Society's views are sought as a consultee, that the stance of the Society on the issue should be decided.

NEIL MALTBY
Councillor, Mole Valley D.C.
Leith Hill

The Chairman replied to Mr Maltby's letter as follows -

Alan Jackson has passed to me your letter of 9 November, written to him in his capacity as Editor of our Newsletter. He intends to publish it in our next edition, which will be dated April 2001, and I am very glad he will.

I have firm views on the subject of the new Sainsbury proposal, which would seem to be much the same as yours. I have discussed them with our Council who agree with them, although not

unanimously, and I have sought to put them across to the membership of the Society in general in an article I wrote for our July Newsletter. All the feedback I got was favourable. Your letter suggests to me that you may not have seen it, and I enclose a copy.

How exactly Anne Champion, the chairman of our planning committee, responds to the actual application when it is submitted will depend, of course, on what it contains and on what she and her committee think, but the article sets out my thoughts, and she and I will probably discuss it before she writes to the Chief Planning Officer on the subject.

MARTIN WEDGWOOD

10 November 2000

Dear Sir,

I have been going to write this letter to the local press for some time, but the article by Martin Wedgwood in the November issue, No 27 of the Newsletter, has provoked me to write to you instead.

It is the question of affordable housing. I agree that not many of the smaller-type houses are being built. But the great tragedy is that those which were built small have been made larger. One only has to look at the planning applications in the local paper to find some for extensions, and these are usually approved by the council.

Those of us who have lived in Dorking for some time can point out where all these extensions have been made. So we really have the council partly to blame for the lack of small affordable housing.

MRS IRIS PIGGOTT
Ashcombe Road, Dorking

GIFT AID

The Treasurer is pleased to report that a considerable number of completed Gift Aid Declarations have been received, which will enable the Society to reclaim a significant amount of tax.

Members who have not yet responded are encouraged to do so by returning to Peter Parkin (address on page 1) the Gift Aid Declaration enclosed with our letter of January 2001.

NEW MEMBERS

The Society is pleased to welcome the following new members -

Mr C S Bellamy	Dorking
Mrs June Letheren	Brockham
Sir Brian & Lady Unwin	Dorking

THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE

Should we be interested in improving the quality of Dorking's environment? Increase in car use is threatening one of the most valued aspects of our town: its attractive environment. The car gives us independence but at a cost of air pollution, noise, cutting some of us off from the town (when did you last try to cross the A24 at Deepdene Roundabout?), visual intrusion (do cars parked either side of the road in the High Street complement the architecture of the town?) and decreased road safety (well done those who lead our 'walking buses' to improve our school children's safety). Road transport is one of the most polluting aspects of human activities, and its impact on Dorking is only too clear to see. And yet

There may be as many as 20 million cycles in Britain - it is difficult to count them all. 2 million cycles are sold each year which is more than the number of new cars sold. Over 90 per cent of men and 67 per cent of women are able to ride a bike. However, every week we make 33 million car journeys under a mile - 1.7 billion a year. 73 per cent of all journeys are less than five miles in length. And yet only 2 per cent of journeys of more than 1 mile are made by cycle, and this small proportion has halved since the mid-seventies. Short car journeys, where the engine has no time to warm up, are also the most polluting.

We compare badly with other European Countries - 10 per cent of journeys over 1 mile are made by cycle in Sweden, 11 per cent in Germany, 15 per cent in Switzerland and 18 per cent in Denmark. Only 2 per cent of secondary school children cycle to school in Britain compared to 60 per cent in the Netherlands.

I don't believe that Dorking is different from other parts of the UK, but what stops us leaving the car at home and getting 'on yer bike', particularly for the shorter trips into town? Research undertaken by the AA & RAC revealed that improved fitness, more cycle lanes & paths, safer roads and better weather would all help. There is not a lot that can be done about the weather (although motor transport is a key contributor to greenhouse gases, global warming & climate change) but there are ways in

which our road infrastructure can be improved to make it safer and easier to use our cycles. The Mole Valley Cycle Forum meets regularly to provide a focus on issues and encourage cycling in Mole Valley. We have just completed a review which came up with 27 specific improvements for cycling & pedestrian access in Dorking. These were prioritised with highest being given to the A24/Ashcombe Road junction & Deepdene Roundabout. Other key areas included the Vincent Lane/Westcott Road/West Street junction, suggested contraflow cycle lane for Junction Road/West Street and the exit from Pippbrook turning right into the High Street. For those on foot, the absence of a pedestrian crossing between the Deepdene roundabout and the 'Pelican' close to the Post Office can be a considerable access problem.

Much could be done in Dorking to make life easier for the cyclist and pedestrian, but it has been constrained by small budgets and low priority in the budgeting process. Cycling and walking are now (at last) being seen as an integral part of a sustainable transport strategy and not just an independent bolt-on addition. We cannot leave it all to the planners, engineers (and politicians), however well-intended they may be.

Will the proposed new Sainsbury's store reduce traffic flows into town through a well thought-out 'travel-plan' actively encouraging public transport, cycling (Tesco have introduced a cycle trailer hire service at a number of their stores) and pedestrian access? Similarly, what about travel to the new Leisure Centre - why can't the budget stretch to the installation of a pelican crossing?

It is also down to each of us for every journey to think - do I really need to use the car? What alternatives are there even if it does mean a little extra effort and time? Why not leave it at home and save some money, get a bit fitter, see/meet more of our community and contribute to making our town a 'nicer' and safer place to live in? On the other hand, perhaps the hundreds of millions of pounds spent on advertising by the car companies have won over your mind as well as your heart!

JOHN ARNOLD

CORPORATE MEMBERS SUPPORTING THE SOCIETY

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

Name	Address	Tel.	Business
Abbey Information Systems Ltd	1 Paper Mews, 330 High Street, RH4 2TU	740 553	Computer consultancy
Ashcombe School, The	Ashcombe Road,	886 312	School
Betchworth Park Golf Club	Reigate Road, RH4 1NZ	882 052	Golf club
Bits & Bobs	20 South Street, RH4 2HL	743 119	Party shop
Bradney & Co	21-37 South Street, RH4 2JZ	743 939	Chartered accountants
Bray Estates	278/280 High Street, RH4 1QT	740 837	Valuers, surveyors & property managers
Broadheath Restorations	Myrtle Cottage, Newdigate, RH5 5AD	631 773	Window frame restorers
Browns of Dorking	2 Allen Court, 56 High Street, RH4 1AY	881 212	Delicatessen and caterinh
Bullimores	156 South Street, RH4 2EU	880 880	Chartered accountants
Burley, G & Sons	Burley Corner, Moorhurst Lane, S.Holmwood, RH5 4LJ	711 799	Amenity horticulturist
Chandler Cars	Unit 23, Vincent Works, Vinc't Lane, RH4 3HQ	882 001	Services and sales
Clear, S J & Co Ltd	65 High Street, RH4 1AW	883 340	Electrical contractors/shop
Country Gardens Ltd	Reigate Road, RH4 1NP	884 845	Garden centre
Cowan & Wood	114 South Street, RH4 2EZ	886 622	Solicitors
Dorking Desk Shop, The	41 West Street, RH4 1BN	883 327	Antique furniture dealer
Dorking Golf Club	Club House, Deepdene Avenue, RH5 4BX	886 917	Golf club
Dorking School of Motoring	3 Lyons Court, RH4 1AB	880 119	Driving school
Downs	156 High Street, RH4 1BQ	880 110	Solicitors and notaries
Downsman Ltd	Overdene, Paper Mews	877 023	Management Services
Edolph's Farm	Norwood Hill Road, Charlwood, RH6 0EB	01293 862 130	Farm
Ellis Atkins & Co	1 Paper Mews, 330 High Street, RH4 2TU	886 681	Chartered accountants
Friends' Provident Life Office	Pixham End, RH4 1QA	740 123	Life assurance
Garth House Nursing Home	Tower Hill Road, RH4 2AY	880 511	Nursing home
Graham Leather Ltd	64/65 West Street, RH4 1BS	887 727	China and glassware
Grossé UK Ltd	Portland Road, RH4 1JL	743 333	Wholesale costume jewellers
Hammond Concrete Tstg & Servs	PO 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 advisers
Holly & Laurel	Horsham Road, South Holmwood	885 460	Fireplaces; tea-room
Hulsta Studio	120 South Street, RH4 2EU	880 330	Contemporary furniture specialists
Hurtwood Litho Printers	39a South Street, RH4 2JX	877 557	Printers
International Sports Mktg Ltd	Bales Court, Barrington Road, RH4 3EJ	743 322	Marketing consultants
John Arthur Gallery	Old King's Head Court, 11 High Street, RH4 1AR	741 120	Fine art gallery
King's Court Galleries	54 West Street, RH4 1BS	881 757	Art gallery and framers
Kuoni Travel Ltd	Deepdene Avenue, RH5 4AZ	840 888	Tour operators
Munro, Ian	10 High Street, RH4 1AT	882 270	Men's outfitters
Newspaper Press Fund	Dickens House, 35 Wathen Road, RH4 1JY	887 511	Charity
Newton & Co	173 High Street, RH4 1AD	884 208	Chartered accountants
Omya UK	Curtis Road	886 688	Mineral extraction
Palmer, R G	21 Monks Court, Monks Walk, Reigate, RH2 0SR.	01737 243 980	Public relations
Patrick Gardner & Co	16 South Street, RH4 2HQ	877 775	Estate agents
Priory School, The	West Bank, RH4 3DG	887 337	School
Rose Hill Nursing Home	9 Rose Hill, RH4 2EG	882 622	Nursing home
Schryver, Michael, Antiques	The Granary, 10 North Street, RH4 1DN	881 110	Antiques restoration
Sears, Philip, Designs	18c Horsham Road, RH4 2JD	884 477	Architectural building surveyors
Seymours Garden Centre	Stoke Rd, Stoke D'Abemon, Cobham, KT11 3PU.	01932 862 530	Garden centre
Songhurst, W Ltd	Rayleigh House, Chapel Lane, Westcott, RH4 3PJ	880 411	Builders
Super Specs	62 High Street, RH4 1AY	875 201	Opticians
Temptations	Old Kings Court, High Street, RH4 1AR	885 452	Antique jewellery & silver
Treeline	The Spinney, Horsham Road, Wallis Wood	741 800	Tree care and maintenance
Uden, C J & Co	Pledges Yard, Falkland Road, RH4 3AD	887 551	Drainage consultant and surveyors
Unum Ltd	Milton Court, RH4 3LZ	887 766	Disability insurers
Venhill Engineering	21 Ranmore Road, RH4 1HE	885 111	Specialist cable manufacturers
Viscount Agencies	Concept House, 3 Dene Street, RH4 2DR	880 715	Duty free agency
White, L A (Dkg) Ltd	11 Yew Tree Road, RH4 1HU	885 245	Builder
White & Sons	104 High Street, RH4 1AZ	887 654	Estate agents
Whitelegg Machines Ltd	Fir Tree House, Horsham Road, Beare Green, RH5 4LQ	713 200	Electrical engineers

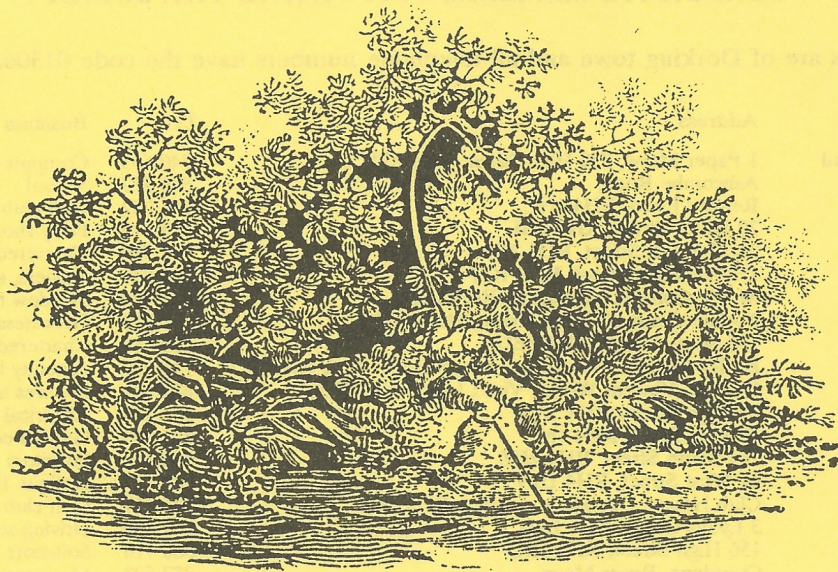
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THE RIVER MOLE · 3

The river is very beautiful in certain parts of its course, where it is overhung with alders, willows, poplars and other trees; while here and there it is dotted with white and yellow water lilies; affords choice passages for the artist, and some pleasure for the angler. The fish found in the Mole include the following kinds:- pike, carp, tench, bream, roach, gudgeon, dace, bleak, eels, trout, and minnows.

Silly, in his "Memoirs of his Life and Times," informs us that in the time of the Long Parliament, many came from London to fish for trout... and that Sir Bulstrode Whitlocke suffered from a surfeit from eating too many trout...