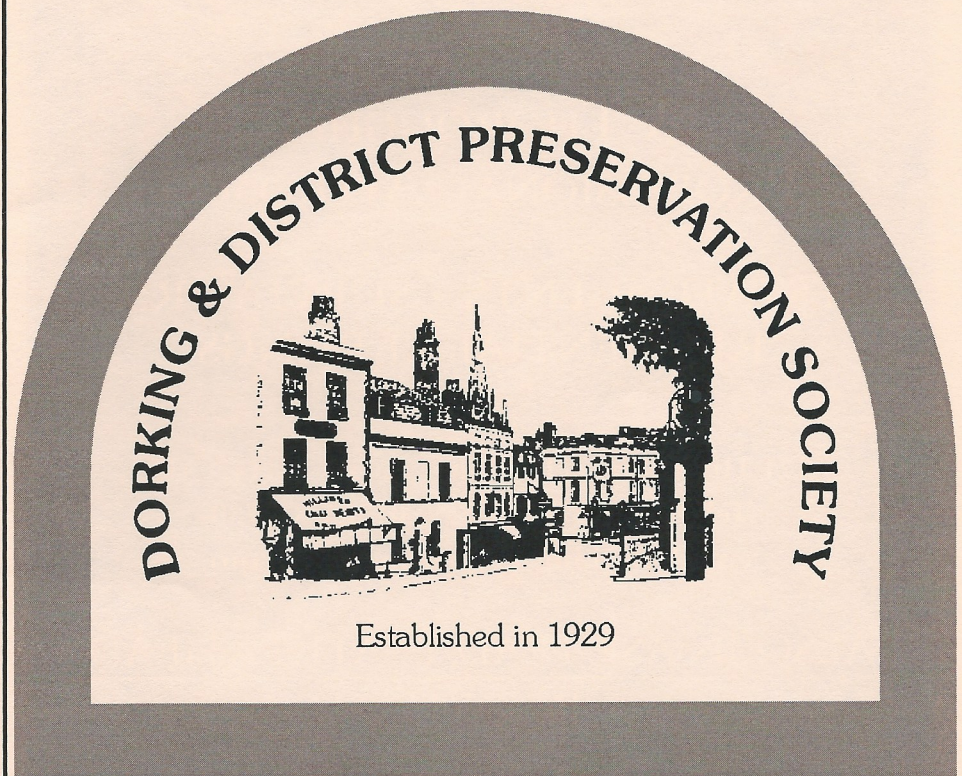


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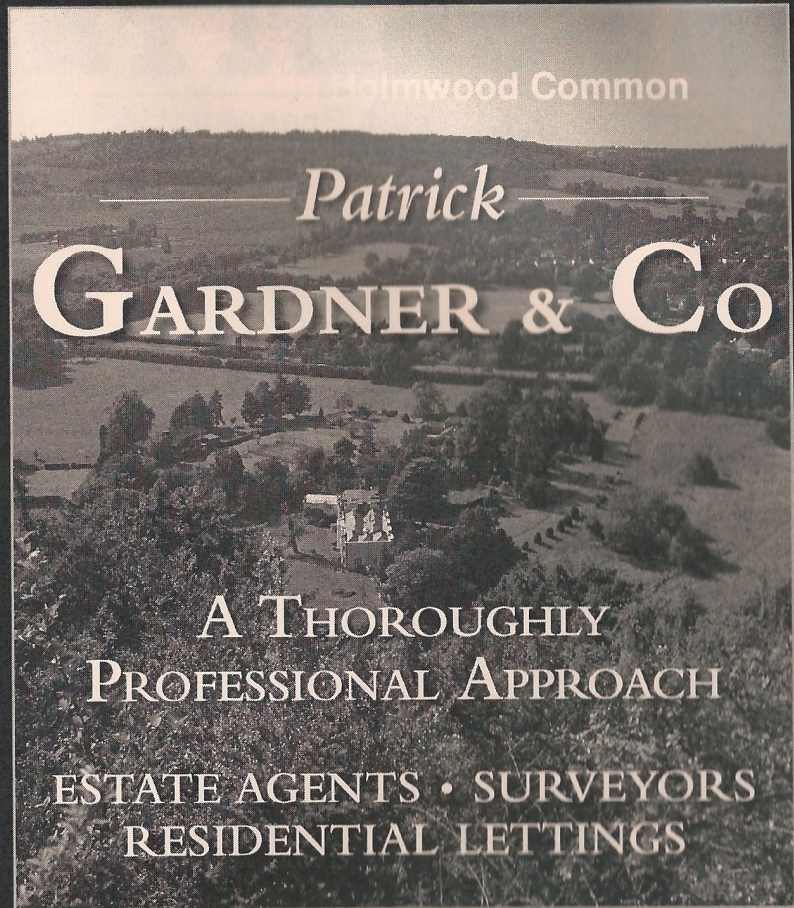
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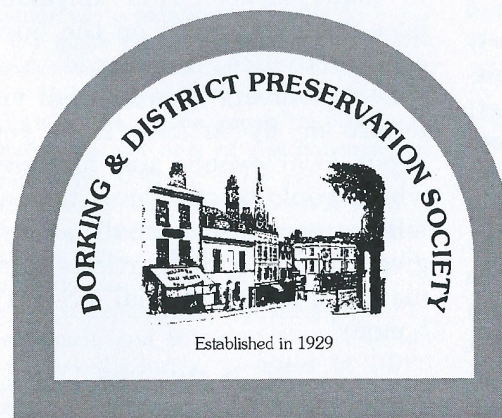
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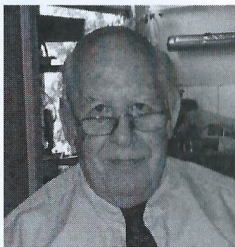
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editorial



It has been a very busy summer gone, both for the Society and personally – I am involved with a client to get a modern version of a chalet bungalow built in Hassocks – so my vacation has been delayed until the late Fall. The Society has been very, very busy with Museum matters and responding to a consultation paper about future housing in Mole Valley. On top of that, I have dealt with a perceived problem on Holmwood Common – see my article on page 12. Derek Rowbotham will deal with our response to MVDC on page 5.

As you will see from Kathy Atherton's report on the start of the Museum rebuild, there is still a great deal of work to be done to get ready for the opening early next year. I have also commissioned 'Yomping' Francis Bennett to enlarge on the walks he wrote about in the summer issue and to give details of the houses (and pubs) that can be enjoyed on the walks. One intriguing item is about the listed telephone booth in Leigh that has been given permission to become a mini museum (see page 10).

The supermarket question is still hanging in the air, with varying views reported weekly in the local press. As you know, I am inclined toward a Lidl in Vincent Lane, if various questions regarding loss of employment land and highways can be answered. My daughter, who is married to a clergyman in Maidstone, Kent, buys many upmarket foodstuffs which are unavailable in UK supermarkets from her local Lidl, as well as low-priced branded items. She also tells me that much of the produce Lidl buy-in is locally grown. A Dutch friend of hers also says that Lidl is regarded as the 'Waitrose' of the Continent. No pun is meant when I say 'food for thought'.

I also note that Leatherhead and Ashtead have been saved from traffic meters. It should now be up to our councillors to press for the same for Dorking.

At the risk of sounding 'boring', I repeat a theme I return to in many issues. This magazine does not only report on the Society's activities, it should also reflect members' views, either via letters or by articles from you about local events and histories which would be of interest to your fellow members. I shall always give priority to such articles from members in this journal – Scout's honour!

Hank Etheridge, Editor

chairman's message



We live in exciting times.

On the positive side, and as you will read in more detail elsewhere in this Newsletter, building work has started at the Dorking Museum. On the basis of no serious problems being encountered, I understand that the physical work should be finished by about Christmas or early in the New Year, but then fitting out will need to be completed and the exhibits will need to be prepared for display. It is important that the museum should be finished in every respect before we welcome the public to the new facility. In my mind, I am looking for a high-profile opening in glorious weather in the Spring of 2012.

At the opening, the work of the team overseeing the building works and the efforts of the team preparing not only the exhibits themselves but also the general presentation policy will be obvious to all. Meanwhile, I take this opportunity of acknowledging the enormous effort being made by volunteers to complete this exciting project. The volunteers are too numerous to mention individually, but I must make particular mention of Kathy Atherton and Peter Camp.

The re-opening of the museum will create an enormous opportunity to raise the profile not only of the museum but also of the Dorking & District Preservation Society and of the historic town of Dorking. This is an opportunity not to be wasted. The DDPS Council and the museum team will be considering by whom the re-opening ceremony should be performed, and how the occasion should be marked. Surely, members of DDPS must have views about the opening; perhaps some have friends or relations

amongst whom a suitable candidate for cutting the ceremonial ribbon could be found. Indeed, I should be pleased to receive your ideas and suggestions generally and, in particular, whether you think that the VIP should be (say) a high-profile local dignitary; a senior politician; or perhaps even a TV or radio personality associated with history or archaeological programmes.

Please contact me with any suggestions or ideas at my home address, by phone, or by e-mail. My address and telephone number are set out on the Contents page of this Newsletter and my e-mail address is heaps@waitrose.com.

In contrast to the positive news about the museum, the DDPS Council is only too aware of the serious implications for Dorking and the surrounding districts of the Government's draft National Planning Policy Framework and its proposed presumption in favour of development. You may rest assured that DDPS will submit a response to this consultation document, but it seems almost inevitable that it will have its work cut out in responding to, and where appropriate objecting to, an increasing number of planning policy papers and planning applications relating to the surrounding green-field and even Green Belt land which is so important to the character of Dorking. If there are any current or retired planning practitioners (other than Derek Rowbotham upon whom we rely so much) within our membership, please volunteer to help!

I conclude with an apology for the typographical error in my last message. Clearly, the typesetter was not conversant in detail with Tacitus' Agricola: the quotation was "singulipugnant, univervincuntur" rather than as printed, but the message remains the same. We must work together if we are to succeed, and perhaps never more so than at the present time.

Chris Heaps

planning report

Although we have looked at quite a number of applications since the last issue of the magazine, we have only been moved to write three letters. The first was an application to demolish an old cart barn in South Holmwood which had become unsafe and to erect a brand new, modern version. Normally we would have checked to see if it was on our 'history' files kept by Beryl Higgins and come to a decision based on her findings. In this case, it wasn't, and we would not have commented. However, a 'phone call to Beryl by a concerned member gave us pause. All over England, old cart barns which are becoming rickety and unsafe are being demolished before being recorded by local history groups. Our letter, therefore, dealt with this issue and requested the LPA to contact The Domestic Buildings Research Group, chaired by Beryl's son, Martin, before coming to a decision. In the meanwhile, Beryl visited the site to photograph and measure, if she thought it was worth recording. It wasn't. The Application has since been approved.

Our second letter was about an extension to a house in Pixham Lane. We took quite a while discussing this Application. Our architectural historian thought that the modern additions proposed, although in matching materials, detracted from what once had been designed as a small building and was, therefore, inappropriate.

Other members of our committee were not so convinced, so it was decided to write a letter expressing planning reasons only, quoting the Local Plan, especially ENV32 which states '*House extensions should retain the character and style of the existing property*'.

Our last letter was about a property in Coldharbour – an Application had been made for the erection of a 10ft. high wooden gate at the entrance to it. We stated that we regretted the increasing tendency for people to isolate themselves behind large wooden or metal gates. We went on to say that the gate in particular looked more suitable for industrial premises, and suggested that the usual, rural, five bar gate would be more appropriate in the applicant's beautiful rural area. We lost on this one: it has been approved.

My committee and I were curious about an application to convert the ugly Sondes Place building into apartments, with alterations to the exterior. These included a battlement around the top of the building, which prompted me to ask the Case Officer whether permission from the reigning monarch was still required for this feature as it was in mediaeval times. She giggled. Our main concern, however, was with some two-storey, semi-detached, urban-styled houses behind Sondes Place. We have objected.

Hank Etheridge
Planning Chairman

Draft National Planning Framework Consultation (NPPF) - A Planning Change!



By Derek Rowbotham

The Department for Communities & Local Government has asked for views on the document which is intended to replace the complete range of government policies applied to the implementation of planning in England. Chris Heaps and myself have compiled a statement which outlines a comprehensive response and which has to be returned to the Department by 17 October this year. There are many controversial matters in the document which have become the subject of national concern (comments of the National Trust, CPRE, RSPB, WWF, Friends of the Earth and the Woodland Trust). These bodies are alarmed at the direction taken by the NPPF to remove restrictions of development imposed by existing policy, by introducing a new presumption to facilitate development, more particularly in relation to boosting the building of housing, if it is deemed to be economically sustainable. There is great scope for confusion when the work 'sustainable' is not defined in the document, but the resolution of this term will presumably be dealt with in the responses that are recognised in the consultation process.

The government argument is that the very significant housing shortage in the country must be dealt with to strengthen the performance of the economy. It is not the role of the planning system to hamper all efforts to step up the performance of the building industry which is an important element of the economy. So if a proposed development is deemed sustainable in an economic context, the strong presumption is that planning permission should be given. Although the draft NPPF retains the concept of the Green Belt it is notable that existing Green Belt policy

will be entirely replaced. Needless to say, in our response to the draft document we have conveyed our very strong belief that the planning framework should continue the necessity to follow a broad evaluation of the effects of proposals to develop, retaining the principle – that applications and appeals should be determined in accordance with the Development Plan – in a manner that will answer the question in all instances, 'will the proposed development cause demonstrable harm to interests of acknowledge importance'. To connect dealing with the broad state of the economy, i.e. reversing the state of recession by the drive to building housing, will most certainly substantially weaken the balanced process of dealing with applications for development.

We have welcomed the proposition to decentralise the planning process by creating the means by which local communities will be empowered to plan for their own future. My article 'Planning for an acceptable neighbourhood' in the summer issue of the Newsletter covered the detail of this process and some of the primary issues involved. Those Local Authorities which, like Mole Valley, have produced and adopted their Core Planning Strategies, will benefit because those that do not have adopted plans will have to follow and give weight to the published NPPF Policies. The legal confirmation of devolving the powers of planning development to neighbourhoods will be contained in the Localism Bill that has to be enacted in Parliament. In summing up these quite radical provisions, it is fair to say that before this comes about later in the year, a lot of amendment will be suggested by the advocates of environmental protection. The developers are encouraging people to support the new NPPF which, they say, will do a lot to streamline the planning process, produce the housing that is sorely needed and provide the favourable conditions for the investment needed to boost the industry. However, there are measures, including recovery and use of empty properties,

other than unduly altering the fundamental demand and supply of land, to relieve the shortage of housing to meet housing need. To do this by altering the balances contained in the existing plan-led approach will fail the aim of conserving the natural environment. We should be on our guard to ensure that the draft NPPF does not lead to incursions into the Green Belt, adding for good measure the suburbanisation and expansion of attractive tracts of the countryside, causing harm to the

designated and protected areas of outstanding natural beauty, fundamental to the rural character of the country in which the towns and villages of Mole Valley have long been admired and treasured.

Derek Rowbotham
Vice Chairman & Planning Policy

Membership Update



Jean Pearson

Following on from my column in the summer, I am happy to report that considerable progress has been made on Standing Orders, and there remain only two outstanding with Barclays Bank, so it will not be long before the Treasurer can close this particular account.

Whilst going through the documents, I noticed that there were a number of members who had not updated their subscription since 2010, and some not since 2009. I wrote to over a hundred members via either e-mail or letter enquiring about their recent subs and whether they would consider payment by Standing Order and also to Gift Aid their subscription to further increase our revenue (*that is if they are current tax payers*). The enquiry has led to a huge response and most have now rectified their situation with the Society. Unfortunately, this has also meant that I have heard about a number of stalwart members who are no longer with us, and we are sorry to hear of their passing. However, I am

delighted with the enthusiasm of the membership and I look forward to a more robust membership for 2012, especially since it is Queen Elizabeth II's Jubilee year and the Olympic Games are coming to England after many years. I am sure that Dorking & District will celebrate in the usual fashion and that we can encourage more residents to become members of our Preservation Society.

During this September I shall be contacting the leader of 'Youth Voice' when it holds its next meeting, in order to provide the members with information about our Society and how they could become involved with various activities and take an active role in assisting to conserve our heritage. I have also visited Brockham Youth Club when its chairman mentioned he was interested in our Society and would like to receive more knowledge on how the club may become involved. I am seeking other clubs which may also be interested in learning more.

We are moving toward exciting times and, by the time our next Newsletter is published, I hope to have good news about the young who are willing to become actively involved.

The refurbishment of the museum has started

by Kathy Atherton



Well – the contractors are finally in the building and, before long, we shall be able to see evidence of their activities by way of scaffolding. It is a day many thought they would never see!

We have to caution against trying to visit the building to look at progress. The Museum is now a building site, and for safety reasons the buildings will be unable to admit visitors. It will be a while before we see any positive progress, as the refurbishment period is scheduled to take at least 20 weeks. This means that the builders should be out of the building over the Christmas period. They will then turn their attention to the Library building, and the task of

fitting out the Museum interior will begin.

It is in that area that all efforts are now focussed, so that we achieve the best use of available space. To do this, the Museum team is in discussions with a number of museum designers, with a brief to come up with a layout for the exhibits that fits our criteria for giving us plenty of room to display our artefacts in an uncluttered way whilst allowing space for temporary exhibitions and other events. They will also be advising on visitor flow around the exhibits, and on the best way of displaying our collections so that they make the most impact. The aim is to get the best value for money in terms of display cases and other large items, so that we can tell the story of Dorking and the surrounding villages and countryside in an attractive and informative manner.

Our wonderful artefacts themselves are, of course, only part of the picture. They will need to be accompanied by display panels with wording which explains their significance to the history of the area. To do this, we have a team of people researching and writing display panel material on topics as diverse as our *Iguanodon* tail to Charles Darwin's time at Leith Hill Place, and from the Dorking street football match to the life of William Mullins' daughter, Priscilla. We were very fortunate over the summer to have the services of a number of university students who have been really helpful in this respect.

We have also benefited from the advice and practical expertise of new volunteers with experience in museum education, the care and conservation of textiles, volunteer management, curatorial issues and museum display planning. Some have taken on formal roles, among them Julie Goodliffe, our new curator of textiles, Frank Pemberton who is now curator of archaeology and Jane le Cluse who takes over as curator of archives. Charlotte Burford and Nicholas Gerrard, who have both taken courses in 'Museum Studies', have taken over as committee secretary and volunteer coordinator respectively. Others advise us informally.

It is, of course, frustrating to be directing all our efforts to bricks and mortar, plug points and fire extinguishers, rather than to the 'history' events and other activities that we would hope to be arranging once the Museum is up and running again. So we have been keeping our profile up with a number of initiatives. Some of you will have seen our three display panels on the history of early cycling out and about in the Mole Valley area. These have been produced, using archive images, to tie in with the interest in the Olympic cycle route, and are available for use by other organisations at related events. So far, they have generated much interest. We are also staging a display/remembrance project about Dorking's involvement in the 1948 Olympics for Heritage Open Days. Visitors to the White Horse will

have seen a 1948 Olympic Torch, together with items belonging to Dorking's Clerk of the Course at those Olympics, plus archive photographs. Local people have been recording their memories of the day the torch came through Dorking, a Reminiscence Book has been doing the rounds and specially written panels will be on display.

That, however, is a temporary diversion from the major job of preparing for re-opening. We hope to be able to do so in the spring of 2012, but there remains much to be done in terms of planning. If you would like to be involved in any way, please contact me, Kathy, on: 01306 743752 or e-mail me at: kathy.atherton@btinternet.com.

You can also follow progress on the website, where photos of the works in the Museum will be regularly updated: www.dorkingmuseum.co.uk.



Dorking Local History Group

All of the Group's recent events have been well attended.

We have decided to attend the Local History Symposium, whose theme this year is 'Surrey's Sporting Life'. The Local History Committee, a part of the Surrey Archaeological Society, organises the event. It is being held at Shalford Village Hall (Sceald. OE, meaning 'Shallow' plus 'ford'. Ed.) on **Saturday, October 22nd, 2011. We shall be displaying material depicting the historical sporting events in Dorking over the past century.**

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR WINTER

All meetings held at the Friends' Meeting House, Butter Hill, Dorking at 7.30pm. **Visitors most welcome. £1 at the door.**

OUR WINTER OUTING IS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012.

This includes visiting Gilbert White's house and garden, the Oates Collection and Jane Austen's house at Chawton, near Alton, Hampshire. Full refreshments available in Chawton.

The coach leaves Dorking at 9.15 and returns at 5.10pm.

Tickets cost £25.50. Visitor's welcome - a great day out!

Full details from Miss Katie Mackay, 23 Abinger Close, North Holmwood, Surrey RH5 4TB. Tel: 01306 888609, email: katiemackay@uwclub.net.

The membership of the History Group continues to grow, but we still need a few more members to achieve our target. Membership costs £8 for single or £10 for two.

For further information and application form, please contact Peter Campon: Tel: 01306 888123, email: petercamp123@btinternet.com.

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Forget about the biggest
Aspidistra in the world.

Think the smallest
museum in the world.
Well, in Leigh actually!

My committee and I were intrigued when, at one of our Wednesday planning meetings, we read an application for Listed Building consent to convert a BT phone booth into a museum to display the history of Leigh. It has since been approved.

At this stage, I think I should let Parish Councillor Harriet Hall take up the story.



Leigh Telephone Kiosk

When BT offered to let Leigh Parish Council adopt the telephone kiosk, nicely situated on the green, it was felt to be a good idea, but that it was important to decide for what it would be used. Consultation took place with the village through the Parish magazine and the

website, with the suggestion that it be used to display items showing Leigh's past being overwhelmingly popular. After protracted negotiations with BT, the kiosk is now adopted and, since it is a Grade II listed building, planning permission has had to be obtained.

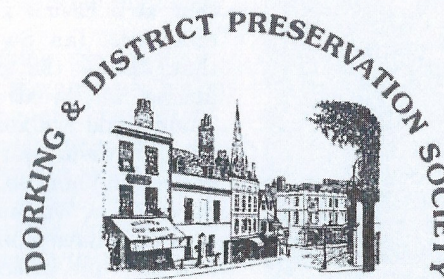
Myself, a member of the Leigh Parish Council, and a small group of people interested in the history of the village, have got together to create laminated pages illustrating the history of Leigh and to work out how these might be best displayed. With help from a local builder, it was decided to adapt the kind of framework used by estate agents so that photographs and text can be displayed on both sides of the kiosk and viewed from inside and out.

We are currently applying for funds to purchase these and to pave the area immediately in front of the kiosk. In the meantime, we have an initial display of a brief 'timeline' history of the village

attached to the back of the kiosk (*see picture*) and have recently put up some brief details pertaining to the church. Once fully equipped, we hope to maintain the timeline and to have changing displays according to the seasons or to relevant local celebrations. The principal houses in the village will also be featured.

Leading on from the museum scheme, it is hoped that a written history of the village can be completed from all the research we are doing for the kiosk.

Harriet Hall



Established in 1929

**The Autumn Meeting of the Society
will take place on
Thursday October 6th at 7.30pm
in the St. Martin's Christian Centre**

The Chairman will review the
work being done on the Planning
and Museum Front



Afterwards there will be
an interval for tea and biscuits



Followed by an illustrated talk by
Dr. Roger Bowdler

on

***Thomas Hope, the restoration
Of his Mausoleum and the work of the
Mausolea & Monument Trust***

...with good intentions
treated footpaths by the National
Trust on Holmwood Common

by Hank Etheridge

One of our members, who lives in Spook Hill, wrote to me concerned with the National Trust laying road 'scalpings' on footpaths on Holmwood Common.



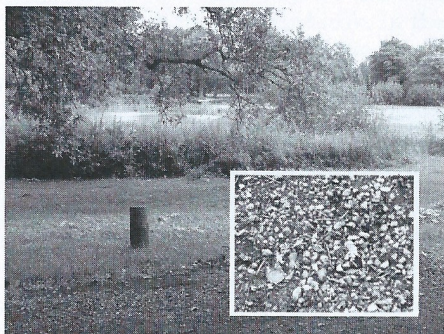
I visited the Common and spoke to quite a few walkers. Those who lived near the Common and used it for walking their dogs and enjoying the wild beauty of the place, were mainly against the treating of footpaths, saying it 'urbanised' the natural setting. On the other hand, non-resident visitors I spoke with had no problem with making it easier to walk during wet weather.

I called David Kennington, who manages the south east for the NT, and he told me that the footpaths on Bookham Common had been treated with scalpings over the past three or four years and that walkers there were extremely happy with them.

With this in mind, I went to Bookham Common and spoke with Ian Swinney, the Warden, who showed me around the footpaths. Those that had been treated three years ago were undistinguishable from paths that were untreated. The underlying soil had seeped up and coated the scalpings, so

that at a casual glance there was no difference. Ian Swinney also told me that, before the paths were treated, during wet weather they were very muddy and walkers would go to the sides of them and walk on the grass verges. In doing so, they trod down the habitats of various bugs and flora. "Since we have firmed up the paths," he told me, "the insect life and wild flora have re-established themselves."

Returning back to Holmwood Common quite a few times, I took a close look at some of the existing paths and found that many of them were already treated with larger stones and that the car park - which looked just like bare earth, had been treated with scalpings, as you will see from my next picture of the car park by Fourwents Pond.



The car park at Fourwents Pond, inset with a close-up of the underlying scalpings

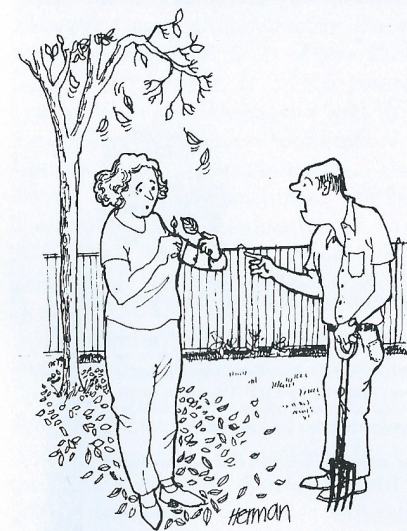
One of the concerns voiced to me by a walker on Holmbury was that she thought that if the paths were firmed up and less muddy, this would encourage the use of two and four wheel vehicles on them. When I put this to Sam Bayley, Warden of Holmbury Common, he told me that motor cycles prefer muddy conditions. He went on to say that it was highly unlikely that cars or motor cycles would be tempted to use the new path but, if they did, he would erect barriers that would be accessible

to pedestrians and horses but not to off-road vehicles.

Apart from making the footpaths better to walk upon, it would also make it easier for baby buggies and wheelchairs. This is already happening on Bookham Common and is much appreciated by disabled people and their carers. It is all part of the National Trust's 'inclusiveness' approach to encourage more people to enjoy the countryside.



A three year old treated path on Bookham Common.



"It'll go faster, dear, if you rake them in piles and then burn them."



Hope springs eternal

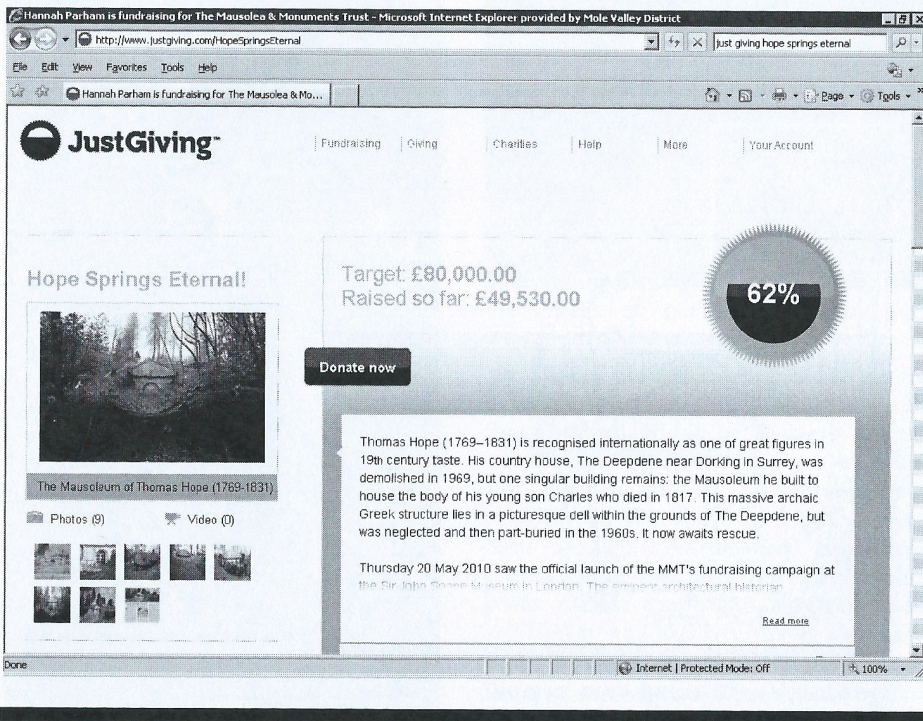
Below is a short article from Alex Bagnall whom you will know from previous articles. Alex will be working with the Museum who will be involved with promoting the walks etc. In turn, the Museum will, most likely, benefit from the Lottery funding. *Ed.*

Readers may be aware that Mole Valley District Council has been working with partners on a project to link up the remnants of the Deepdene Estate with the mausoleum of Thomas Hope at the heart of the project. The project is applying for a 2 million pound Heritage

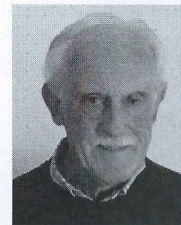
Lottery Fund bid for which it has to find 10%. As part of the fundraising project for the Deepdene Trail, the Mausolea & Monuments Trust has launched an appeal on the 'Just Giving' website, with a page dedicated to the Hope projects. Donations can also be made directly to the Mausolea Monuments Trust. These can be made payable to the Mausolea & Monuments Trust at 70 Cowcross Street, London EC1 6EJ, marked 'Hope'.

Any donations – no matter how small – are very much appreciated and will be enormously helpful in working toward the grand total, and showing the Heritage Lottery Fund that this is a project well worth supporting.

The menu page of the website



From Reigate Heath To Fourwents Pond



by Francis Bennett

Our esteemed editor has asked me to put some meat on the bones about this walk – with pictures.

It starts at the car park on Reigate Heath, just north of The Skimmington Castle pub and takes you to Fourwents Pond, via Flanchford bridge, Leigh, Clayhill Farm, Heron's Head Farm, Ewood Farm and Swire's Farm, then to Fourwents Pond – about 8 miles.

(Again, this will require some nifty car use by friends or family. Ed.)

Our route from the car park on Reigate Heath, just north of the Skimmington Castle pub, initially takes us across a couple of holes of the Reigate Heath Golf Course. It is 100 years old and built on the Greensand belt. It has nine holes and is open to members and visitors. The Skimmington Castle serves good food and real and cask beers. It has the reputation of having been used by Highwaymen on the lookout for unwary travellers between Dorking and Reigate.

Flanchford Mill is next to Flanchford Bridge, which we pass on our walk. Mills on this site, in the parish of *Buckland Detached*, have existed since the 13th century. The present Mill was built in 1786 and operated until the 1930's but, by 1999, the waterwheel had disappeared. It had been closed to flour milling during the 2nd World War. The mill pond which served the mill

was drained in 1968 and became derelict but was restored in 1997, and is now used by a fly-fishing club. It is a tranquil spot.

We follow on to Leigh, sometimes known as 'Legh', 'Leygh', The 'Lea', and 'Lee' (*OE.Lea, a clearing in the woods*).



Leigh Place in the 1890's

Leigh Place, a 15th century moated house, was originally the home of the Ardeme family, and later of two Watney brothers, who were from the coal-producing side of the Charrington family. Leigh was a centre of the Wealden Iron Industry. During the early 19th and 20th century, Leigh was self-sufficient – it had a windmill, baker, grocer, butcher, policeman, blacksmith and a dressmaker. On the village green is a pump, erected in 1875. The Plough Inn still has a public bar, serving real ales and good food.

The Plough Inn, Leigh



After passing Clayhill Farm, we encounter Heron's Head Farm. This is a timber-framed building and, possibly, had a moat. It is well worth a glance through the trees as it is a beautiful property. Walking on, we come to Ewood Old Farmhouse, another late 16th century, Grade II listed, timber-framed building with 19th century extensions. There was a considerable ironworks here, together with a Pond Bay.

After passing Swire's Farm, we come across Petersfield Farm, again a 16th century, Grade II listed building with a Horsham stone roof. It is a most attractive building which can be viewed from the road. Rumour has it that

Winston Churchill stayed here, but it cannot be verified.

Fourwents Pond, where we finish, is on Holmwood Common, originally owned by King Harold and which, after whose death, was grabbed by William who had occupied England. Latterly, the Duke of Norfolk and The National Trust owned it. The Common is too swampy for farming and so became wild and inaccessible, although the pond was used to water cattle. In 1896 the pond was enlarged to water troop's horses for a review by the Duke of Cambridge – perhaps the present Duke would like to visit today? The pond has recently been drained, cleaned and re-stocked with fish by The National Trust.

Fourwents Pond



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