

Donation from sale of TADS calendars

A cheque for £300 has been sent to "Woodlands" Tadley Medical Practice which was the charity selected by members at the AGM in December. A big thank you to all who bought and sold the calendars

History in the making

Have you noticed that the old Tadley public toilets have been knocked down and are to be replaced with a new building which will incorporate toilets for the disabled?

The Lighthouse Bus (see Around Tadley - Fact and Fable) has returned to the town but there is NO intention to use it as a café. (See picture etc in last week's Observer)

Road works in Mulford Hill have been ongoing since last July and hopefully will be finished in the next couple of months.

TADS WEB SITE

This site is now being rejuvenated and will soon be "on air" under <<www.w2.TADSHISTORY.com>>. It is hoped to give more details next month

Future projects for the projectnews -Major Roller

Major Roller (see Around Tadley - Fact and Fable) lived in Tadley for many years and the project team are compiling a dossier on him. We have managed to obtain through Tadley library the book "The Story of the 34th Company (Middlesex) Imperial Yeomanry" by William Corner. This book has 550 pages and was published in 1902. William Corner was a Private in this company and Roller was their Sgt-Major (being promoted to Major later in the Boer war).

Major Roller lived in Tadley till his death in 1941 so there may be residents who knew him personally and can possibly offer us any local information on this gentleman.

The walks from Roger Seating and Pat Minter's book Tadley Tracks and Tadley Facts are being updated and published from time to time in projectnews. The project team require folk to "test" these walks out again - most of them now begin (and end) at local public houses which makes it easier for car parking.

Suggestions are always welcome for topics which can be researched for future projectnews items.

**Tadley and District History Society (TADS)**

The next meeting for 2005 will be on

Wednesday March 16th

Meet at St. Paul's Church Hall, Tadley - 8.00 to 9.30 pm

"Tadley-Brighton-Everest"

an illustrated talk

by

Christine and Brian Watson

**(also inside: last month's meeting
Paying the Parson by Mr Jenks)**

(Everybody welcome - Visitors £1.50)

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Visit to Treloar's School Thursday April 14th 2005

Start 10 am from Bus Shelter at Allen's Garage - Return by 4pm
£15 per person - please pay at the next meeting (16th March) to cover coaching, lunch, and donation to the school.

29 members have said they wish to go, I have booked a 53 seater coach so as many members and friends who wish to go can and increase our donation total. This will show how we at TADS took to heart last October's talk by Jon Colville about the work and dedication of the Treloar's to help and encourage young people with severe disabilities to achieve in later life.

If you gave Bob your name at the January or February meetings and now cannot go please let him know as we have to inform Jon of total folk going.

Bob Bysouth 0118-970-0457

TADS forthcoming meetings and other events

Apr 20th - "Upstairs, Downstairs" - Mr Spicer

May 18th - To be notified - change to programme

The rest of the programme is unchanged

Talks and exhibitions at the Willis Museum

until Apr 23rd - Exhibition - "Passion for Pattern"

Mar 17th - Looking at the countryside from above. David Graham

Apr 21st - More wild flowers of our countryside - Gerald Ponting

May 7th till Jun 18th Exhibition - "Spectacular Spectacles"

Last Thursday Lectures at HRO Winchester 1.15 to 1.45 pm

Mar 31 - Hampshire Houses 1250 to 1700 - Edward Roberts

Apr 28 - The lost film of the Titanic - David Lee

May 26 - Sources for the history of gardens at HRO - Suzanne Foster

Last month's talk

16th Feb 2005

Paying the Parson

Oliver Jenks took a large turnout of TADS members through the history of how and by whom the parson was paid. Although many of his facts were about Berkshire and the Oxford Diocese they were often relevant to Tadley. Paying the Parson affected the people from the time of the early church. The system of Tithes, by which is meant a tenth of income, was the method of raising revenue, and was based on Biblical example paying a tenth of produce to the Levites or "priests tribe".

The English tithes system was workable until the middle of the 18th century by when it was being considered unfair since it was levied only on the produce from the land and not from the burgeoning industries based mainly in the towns. Of the three types of tithes: produce (including crops), mixed (honey, meat, wool, etc.) and tithes/private, (based on labour) stopped first. All the tithes ended up on the shoulders of the farmers. Tithes were paid, voluntary, from the time of St Augustine and later were supported by canon law and later by civil law.

During Anglo Saxon/Norman times parishes per se did not exist - priests were sent out from monasteries and tithes were paid to these centres of religion..

Many tithes were forfeited to the Crown at the time of the establishment of the Anglican Church and later rights to tithes were taken over by large organisations: university colleges, monasteries or wealthy individuals. In such cases, the parson would be paid the equivalent of a salary but the valuable tithes could be gifted elsewhere. This had the effect of making the parson a poorer person than his predecessors without reducing his outgoings.

In Tilehurst, parishes appeared in the 12th century; and a third of the tithes went to the local church with the rest to local abbeys and colleges.

The parson was responsible for the fabric of the church and the support of the poor long before the Poor Laws were in place and he used the tithes income to pay for these. From this system developed the Parson's Freehold which is under threat in the present day.

With the popularity of tithes waning, one of the main ways of removing the unpopular tithes was by the enclosure of common land. Similarly, the 1836 Act set up a system of corn rents through a national fund for the payment of the clergy. Later Acts in 1925 and 1936 turned tithes into salary to the clergy in the form of fixed payments. Nowadays, all clergy, bishops and rectors receive a standard stipend with the surplus going to the diocese.

Peter McNulty

TADS sponsorship at the 2005 Slickester Dig

This year we will be sponsoring Lucy Harling of Monk Sherborne. Lucy is currently studying for a degree in Ancient History at Bristol University.