



TADS forthcoming meetings and other events

June 15th - Kennet Valley Community and Wildlife Action
 July 20th - The Coroner's Office service -David Richards
 Sep 21st - Turnstiles and Milestones - Alan Roseware
 Oct 19th - "2001 census, Hampshire Trends" - Robin Edwards
 Nov 16th - "A policeman's lot....." - Caroline Edwards, HRO

Talks and exhibitions at the Willis Museum

May 7th till June 18th Exhibition - "Spectacular Spectacles"
 May 19th An Insight into Aspects of the County Record Office -

Local History Month (May 1st - 5th June 2005)

Book Sale - Basingstoke Library - Saturday 21st May 10.00am till 3.30pm

TADS have been allocated a stall here so that we can sell our publications - we need volunteers to help man the stall - names to Carol

Between the Stacks at Basingstoke Library - guided tour behind the scenes - May 25th (10.30am, 1.00pm, 2.30pm and 5.30pm)

Road Show - Tadley Library - Wednesday 18 th May 3.00pm till 6.00pm
Last Thursday Lecture - Hampshire Record Office - History of Gardens

TADS proposed Visits

Coach tour following on from last year's visit to Lincolnshire Airfields

A 4 day 3 night stay at a 3* hotel in Walsall with visits to **Black Country Museum at Dudley**, visit to **Coventry** to shop and British Road Transport Museum.

Date July 22nd to 25th. Cost inclusive of all coaching, entrance to museums, 3 nights B & B, and 3 course evening meal. **£144.**

Plus cost of mini bus to and from Savacentre

Names and a deposit of £30 to Bob Bysouth at this month's meeting

TADS annual autumn outing - Saturday September 24th 8.30am

Trip to **New Forest** (inc Lyndhurst then **Beaulieu** or **Lymington**)

[Direct to Lyndhurst with optional visit to new Forest Museum then onto Beaulieu (for the Palace House and Motor Museum). Remainder members go onto to Lymington for a large Saturday market or ferry to Yarmouth (OW). Return via Sway and Brockenhurst arrive Tadley 6.00pm]

Names to Bob Bysouth at forthcoming meetings.

Tadley and District History Society (TADS)

The next meeting for 2005 will be on

Wednesday May 18th xx

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

“Nearly on your doorstep ”

an illustrated talk

about two Welsh Castles

by

Chris Rossiter

(also inside: last month's meeting

Upstairs, Downstairs at Hackwood House

AND

TADS visit to Treloar School on 20th April 2005)

(Everybody welcome - Visitors £1.50)

T.A.D.S. AT TRELLOAR'S

Today's Impressions of our TADS' visit to Treloar's School, Alton, 14/4/05

(N.B. Not necessarily in order of importance).

Treloar's is an 'enabling' school for young people with disabilities;

Notice on wall: 'Beware Speeding Wheelchairs!' eight and a half mph;

Wheel scuff marks on the corridor walls;

Jovial Jon (Colville), Fantastic Fiona & Wonderful Wendy, the school's 'front men'!

The fact that Jon 'twitters', Fiona and Wendy 'do'. (Jon DOES work really! He's so charismatic too!);

Smiling, polite, friendly young people (up to age 16 years approximately)

skillfully manoeuvring sophisticated electronic wheelchairs;

Amazing variety, number, shape, size and colour of aforesaid wheelchairs;

Chairs put on charge each night, therefore each student has a manual chair also;

The VISITOR badges we all had to wear which went redder throughout the day and said 'EXPIRED' when it was home time!

Wheelchair-bound Mohammed, gleefully fiddling with the hard controls of our one TADS member's wheelchair;

Charismatic School Head Boy, Ben, shaking hands and chatting with a group of us; Ben was a better compere than the London professional, at a concert recently;

Treloar's Centenary fund-raising in 2006—2008 hopes to make £10 to £12 million; Lord Mayor Treloar raised £60 000 in 1906 which is £4 million in today's money;

Treloar's is Alton's biggest employer with 700 staff, including part-timers;

Treloar's students have over 40 separate health conditions; 30% have no speech; 20% suffer life-limiting conditions;

Treloar's School had an outstanding 'Ofsted' in November 2004 and Treloar's College was granted Beacon status for excellence in October 2004;

Student David is representing England at Bocchia (bowls);

There are 6 rehabilitation engineers specialising in electronics, computer access, etc. to keep the students mobile in wheelchairs, etc., therefore enabling mobility and independence;

Treloar's has wonderful facilities;

Fantastic feely-touchy-smelly gardens;

Head gardener, Dave, makes animals and insect decorations out of old gardening tools!

Symbiotic involvement of a big London Bank, giving their time and design free, to do gardening with students;

Fabulous food (we sampled it);

The students' civilised and adult behaviour in the dining room;

Lots of smiling faces;

The care and dedication of the staff at every level;

Some students LIKE school!

The skilful adaptation of the Elizabethan Manor House at Froyle (Frija's Hill; Frija was a Norse Goddess of Love) to be Treloar's base;

The adjoining Froyle Church of St. Mary of the Assumption, with two 4 feet high candlesticks!

The amazing involvement of the City of London Worshipful Companies, who help the students, e.g. Barbers, Basket makers, Fan makers, Pavors (paving and highway makers), etc., etc;

6 of the Company of Inn holders were there with us;

The interesting hairstyles of some students: purple hair, dreadlocks, streaks, showing a wonderful fashion sense!

These kids are certainly switched-on, switched-in 21st Century youngsters, a credit to themselves, their school and to us all.

Thanks to Bob Bysouth of T.A.D.S. for fixing the trip (We are their largest group and are invited back!)

Thanks to Jon Colville and team for their energy, dedication, enthusiasm and love.

Mostly thanks to the Treloar kids!

Rosemary Bond 14/04/05

Note

If you wish to give a personal donation to Treloar School please see Bob Bysouth at next Wednesday's meeting

Last month's talk20th April 2005

T.A.D.S.

20th April 2005'Upstairs, Downstairs', an illustrated talk by Brian Spicer, ex-administrator of Hackwood House, Basingstoke.

Rich or poor; toff or servant; us or them; basement or ballroom; upstairs or downstairs.

Somewhere in the middle of this pile was genial but no-nonsense Brian Spicer, Lord Seymour Camrose's right-hand man, adviser, fixer and mediator.

Brian had this analogy for the symbiosis between the rich man and his servant, comparing the strong, lordly lion of Aesop's fable with its reliance on the small, sharp-toothed mouse, which was able to free the lion from the net, which trapped it. You need each other!

Thus the Camroses paid their employees, ranging from butlers to scullery maids, head gardeners to shepherds, valets to nightwatchmen, with care and consideration. The servants repaid the boss with discretion and loyalty.

The gentry identified the servant by his garb and the servant knew the aristocrat's ranking by the knobs on his coronet or car badge. Hence the appropriate title, 'Your Grace', 'Your Lordship', etc, etc. So you could live like a Knob!

Bearing in mind Hackwood had its fair share of visiting Prime Ministers, royalty and the odd (well-dressed and well-behaved) film star etc, discretion, security and a job well done, were paramount.

Did we 'know our place', more in those days, I wonder...?

Back into history, the Paulettes didn't like the midges and marshes of Basing House and then Cromwell pulled it down anyway (1645). So they upped sticks and went off to Hackwood, doubling its size and increasing its grandeur, piling in paintings, furniture and other wonders, including revamping the gardens and parkland.

When the Camroses made their money through hard work down in Merthyr Tydfyl, they launched media empires in London and Hackwood House became their weekend retreat. They added a mere 18,000 English acres in Hampshire and a \$17.5 million yacht in the Mediterranean (with an extremely enterprising sea captain who did his own cruises on the side!)

During World War 2, the downstairs and basements at Hackwood became operating theatres for the Canadian Army. After the war, Lord Camrose

decided to convert them to a cinema and leisure area – maintained by lots of servants.

When Brian hove professionally into view in 1987 he had 48 staff in the house, gardens, farms and parkland.

Lord Seymour Camrose was famously rich but very shy. He often needed Brian and Brian's wife to ease dinner-time conversations. He asked if Brian envied him...no... Brian said. He had the same view of the sky, the trees, the fabulous wealth but none of the BURDEN of that money.

In the ways of noblesse oblige, the Hackwood lord gave generously to charity and to his servants. When he eventually married Princess Joan Aly Khan (as her third husband) in 1986, she knew a thing or two about horticulture and also fancied herself as a farmer. The shepherd had to stand quietly by while she fed his prize Jacob sheep on digestive biscuits!

When Lord Camrose died the terms of his will stated that no employee was to be made homeless. Consequently Brian went out and bought 19 dwellings in and around Basingstoke, rent and rate free.

Would this happen in the 21st Century?

Would everyone respect each other so much?

Are we freer spirits now?

At least Hackwood House and estate is mostly in its entirety, although the new owners, the Qataris, have the house for their Embassy. (It's a bit of a liability since 9.11). At least we can walk the footpaths and marvel at how the other half lived, and wonder if money makes you happy.

Brian seems to know the answer to that, and we T.A.D.S. members thank him for his decisive and spirited talk.

Rosemary Bond. (0118-981-2114)

Walking for Health

The next walks will on June 3rd, July 1st September 2nd continuing on the first Friday of each month. Meet at St Paul's 1.30pm duration about 1 hour.

St Paul's Church Fete

This year this will be on Saturday June 4th. 2.00pm to 4pm. T.A.D.S will NOT be displaying but several members have agreed to "help out" and it is hoped we can see T.A.D.S publications.

A new innovation will be the display at our monthly meetings of several books from our archives. Full members may borrow these at no charge.

Jane Austen Fayre

August 20th and 21st 1100am till 4.30pm at The Walled Garden, Down Grange, Pack Lane, Basingstoke. Admission is FREE for visitors in Regency costume.

Basing House Excavations 2005 (Monday 16th May till Sunday 5th June)

If you are interested in taking part (on a daily basis) in a voluntary capacity, either with the excavation or the finds processing please ask Derek or Bob Brown for more details and an application form.

The History of the Manor of Manydown

Part II The Tiltings of Baughurst and Hannington

This book, which contains much of the early days in the Parish of Baughurst, will be on sale at the Basingstoke Library Book Fair by the author Ken Smallbone. TADS hope to purchase a copy. If you want to see this book first there is a reference copy in Tadley and Basingstoke libraries.

There will soon be a vacancy for the **TADS Programme Organiser**. Bob Brown has done this job for the last 20 years or so and felt it time to hand it over to "new blood". See Bob or any committee member for details

Mikron (Waterways) Theatre have announced two new plays for the 2005 season but to date TADS do not have the dates for either the Kennett and Avon or the Basingstoke Canals. More details hopefully next month.

Framed prints. From the unsold calendars are now on sale at £1.00. If you want the calendar itself then this is now £1.00. Both available from Carol at the "publications table".