

Horley Local History Society

NEWS

August 2009

Meetings Calendar

The Society meets at Strawson Hall, 156 Albert Road, Horley, Surrey, at 7:30pm for 8:00 unless stated below.

Monday 24 August 2009 “The Crawley Museum” by Nick Sexton. (Strawson Hall)

Monday 28 September 2009 “The Story of Crystal Palace” by Michael Gilbert

Monday 26 October 2009 “Kew Gardens: behind the scenes” by Harry Townsend

Monday 23 November 2009 TBA

Date & venue for Xmas meeting? TBA

The HLHS Website

Peter Cox is to be congratulated for looking after our website so well. Not only does he receive emails sent to us via the web, acknowledges them and passes them on to those who might be able to provide more in-depth replies, but he also keeps many of us on our toes when items on the web need updating, etc.

He also highlights the number of hits, etc, that recently have markedly increased. This is reflected in the recent increase in the number of emails received that might of course be the result of people having more time to spend on line in the present economic down turn. Whatever the reason, it is providing us with new historical information as indicated below.

Why you should always check the source you use

One of the recent emails certainly proved this to us all.

It came from a Dr Allen now living in the USA whose parents lived in Charlesfield Road. He asked if we had more to say about the Anabaptists who met in Horley Row as given in Mr Chouler’s book “One to 8” 1973?

David Hall in his book “The Street Where You Live” 2000 immediately admitted that he had accepted Mr Chouler’s word, but what was his source?

Elisabeth Lane’s “Horley: its Church & People through Ten Centuries” 1960, records that Baptists worshipped in Horley for some 200 years. A meeting room was built around 1760 (presumably this was where the Bakehouse now stands Ed) This room was replaced by a small chapel in Lee street (see Aubrey Cook’s book below) followed by a Strict Baptist next to the

old Post Office in Victoria Road, then by the Horley Baptist church in 1879 on the corner of Albert Road and the Brighton Road. The last two co-existed for many years.

Aubrey Cook in his book "The Chapel by the Mill" 1986 refers to the Bethel Chapel and graveyard in Lee Street from 1846

Finally, T R Hooper in his book "A Surrey and Sussex Border Church" refers to so many places used by Baptists in and around Horley but does not locate them with any degree of certainty.

None however refer to Anabaptists in Horley so this is obviously a subject that requires far more study. Does anyone want to take it up? One last question just to complicate the study is why do many people still refer to the meeting room/Bakehouse as the "Wesley Room" as surely this relates to Methodists?

A New Book

Talking of Methodists this new book is called "Horley Methodist Church: The First Hundred Years 1909 -2009"

It is a brief history of the Church on the present site with a look back to earlier times. It is interesting to read how the Primitive Methodists first came to Horley in 1860 with its Chapel where Boots shop is today, yet this was followed by the Wesleyan Methodists that did not come to Horley until 1909. This suggests how the town (or should I say village) was expanding during that period.

The book can be obtained from the Church in Victoria Road for £3.50 any Weds or Sat morning, or via Peter Blakey on 01293 786256, or Ian Newton on 01293 431625.

Yet Another Interesting Email

This concerned Mrs Emma Jupp. She had a domestic servants employment agency in Station Road (East) as shown below, thought to be from around 1927-1954. This was above a confectionery shop owned by her husband, Mr Walter Jupp from possibly around 1914. He had several shops in that road including a greengrocers and a café.

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Registry
Office
FOR
Servants

MRS. E. JUPP
(LICENSED ANNUALLY BY THE SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL)

No Charge to Maids

Station Road (East), Horley, Surrey

1939

Mrs Jupp was said to be a rather severe type of woman and when she found anyone a job they were expected to stay with their employer for years and not months.



Mrs Emma Jupp standing in the doorway

The shop was the second one in from the Balcombe Road on the South side. The gap on the right hand side was filled in when later development took place.

The Society had not seen this photo before it arrived with the email and is another to add to our archives.

Is Horley back in fashion with its new Belisha Beacons?

It was most surprising to see the new pedestrian crossing in Consort Way has Belisha Beacons to mark its extent. While this form of crossing first came about in 1934 and took the name of the Minister of Transport at the time, Leslie Hoare-Belisha, the number installed from the year 2000 has surprisingly increased; therefore we must be in fashion though I would question whether his design included the Aintree type water jump at each kerbside when it rains.

The RH6 Uncovered

We commend this new local magazine launched at this particular time in this difficult economic climate and thank Peter Gwynne for ensuring that we regularly have a small feature in each issue. If you are not receiving your free copy delivered by your postperson please ring 01293 265002.

The latest "*Horley Town Guide for 2009/2010*" is also now available from the Help Shop, charity shops or the Town Council Offices in Albert Road.

Should HLHS Books be Purchased on Line?

As outlets for purchasing our books either decrease and/or become of less interest to the seller, we are investigating the prospect of allowing prospective purchasers to buy on line as more and more people now tend to do. Your reaction would be welcomed. Please contact any committee member. Eg Peter Gwynne on 01293 773026 or Veronica Ballard on 01293 784822, or David Hall on 01293 784276, or Brian Buss on 01293 782231.

We still want a Chairperson

While the Society remains active due to the efforts of a few who do not wish to see it go under, we do most urgently want someone to lead and direct it. Most that carry it on at present have done at least a three year stint in the chair and others perhaps of a younger age are required, with energy that doesn't necessarily run out at lunchtime. Every help and assistance will be given to those who can contemplate taking on the task so please, please can someone come forward to at least discuss what is involved? Again, contact any committee member.

Thank you for reading!
(Brian Buss)

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