

CHARING & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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CDLHS update: October 2019 issue 6 AUTUMN

Our new season of talks has begun.

So, membership fees are due again.

**It's a particularly good time
to renew, or to join.**

Individual: £9 Family: £16 Students: Free

payable at the meeting (cash, or cheque payable to CDLHS)

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Committee News

What we've been doing

Even though the committee tried to take a well-earned summer break from CDLHS matters, this year, they still managed to organise the printing of our new programme, as well as continuing the regular updates for the parish magazine, local magazine articles, Facebook, not to mention our website.

Additionally, Celia has been busy, reading and researching for writing a booklet on 'The Field of the Cloth of Gold', as our CDLHS contribution to the big Charing anniversary celebrations next year.

Committee news continued



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Now, it's 'business as usual'.

Tina and Sylvia have settled well into their new roles.

Sheila has begun research for our 2020 Cadman outing.

Kerstin, alongside her 'proper job', as a blue badge guide, has organised a walkabout, and has made all the individual posters to advertise our new programme of talks.

Work Groups update

Oral History



Sarah Pearson and Valerie Yeeles have now joined Peter Kent for the Oral History project. Peter is busy getting to grips with the implications of GDPR, and the group have begun the planning for their next interviews.

Photographic Archive Project



This is continuing to progress well. To date 2928 have been digitised, and 2436 transcribed.

Out of 12 folders, 9 have now been digitised.

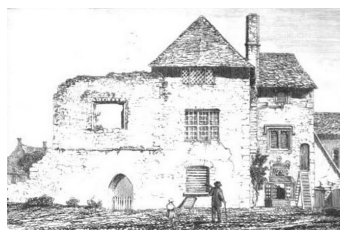
A Saunter Through Kent - Charing: 1900 & 2019



Malcolm Horton has written, with CDLHS support, this 16 page, limited edition publication. Malcolm has kindly donated all profits to CDLHS, currently we have just 26 copies left.

It reproduces Sir Charles Igglesden's view of Charing in 1900, followed by a very positive overview of our village in 2019.

On sale at £5. It is available to buy at CDLHS monthly meetings, or via books@charinghistory.co.uk



Horace Barwick (1799-1845??)

Some years ago, CDLHS were kindly given a portrait of the Charing artist, Horace Barwick. As both the painting itself, and the frame, are in need of restoration, fund raising to do this, will be needed.

So, some exciting ideas are being investigated.

More details to follow

(Some Horace Barwick illustrations were used in CDLHS publications)

Do you recognise these places?



Things to look forward to



Our next talk is 10th October

Victorian & Edwardian Schooldays

by Peter Ewart

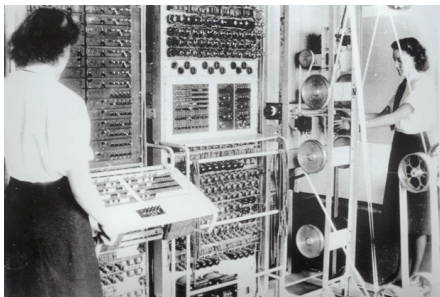
Peter will tell us about the need for compulsory education, and the impact of the Education Acts. He will describe school life for both children, and teachers, until WW1, including problems with attendance, discipline as well as the 'payment by results' system.



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Bletchley Park and the Breaking of the German codes in WW2

by Ian Thomson



Secrecy, and how Bletchley became the most important 'weapon' in the allies' arsenal.



I know it's early
but it's worth keeping this date,

12th December,

free for our evening
Christmas Social
with mulled wine and

More details to follow

Looking back



Last talk: The Red Arrows

Amazing close-up videos, showed the breath-taking skills of the team.

Some facts from the interesting talk....

The displays are so complex that

they do not have a back up / reserve pilot; if a pilot is ill, they fly with one less, a team of 8.
If the leader is ill, the display is cancelled.

Each pilot flies in the same position for the year.

Red Arrow pilots do not get paid any extra, nor are they given any extra status within the RAF.

6 of the planes are now over 40 years old.

As they are a showcase for British engineering capabilities, and jet aircraft are no longer manufactured in the UK, 2020 maybe the last year of the Red Arrows!

Cadman



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Day Out!



To begin with, there was a good, informative talk about the boat itself, and its variety of cargo. The cruise went smoothly, and the weather was good. The pub lunch was tasty, and the home-made scones for the cream tea on board, were MASSIVE.



Ronald Stuart V.C. Memorial



Ronald Stewart was born in Toxteth, and there is a memorial to him in Princes Park, Liverpool. However, after his long career in the Merchant Navy, Ronald retired to live in Charing. He died in 1954, and is buried in the cemetery.

Last year his granddaughters, Prof Elizabeth Stuart and Mrs Veronica Stuart-Donaldson kindly donated an information board to be placed by his grave. This August a very proud group of his relatives attended a short unveiling ceremony, conducted by Jill Leyland and Rev Philip Cox.



The Fete

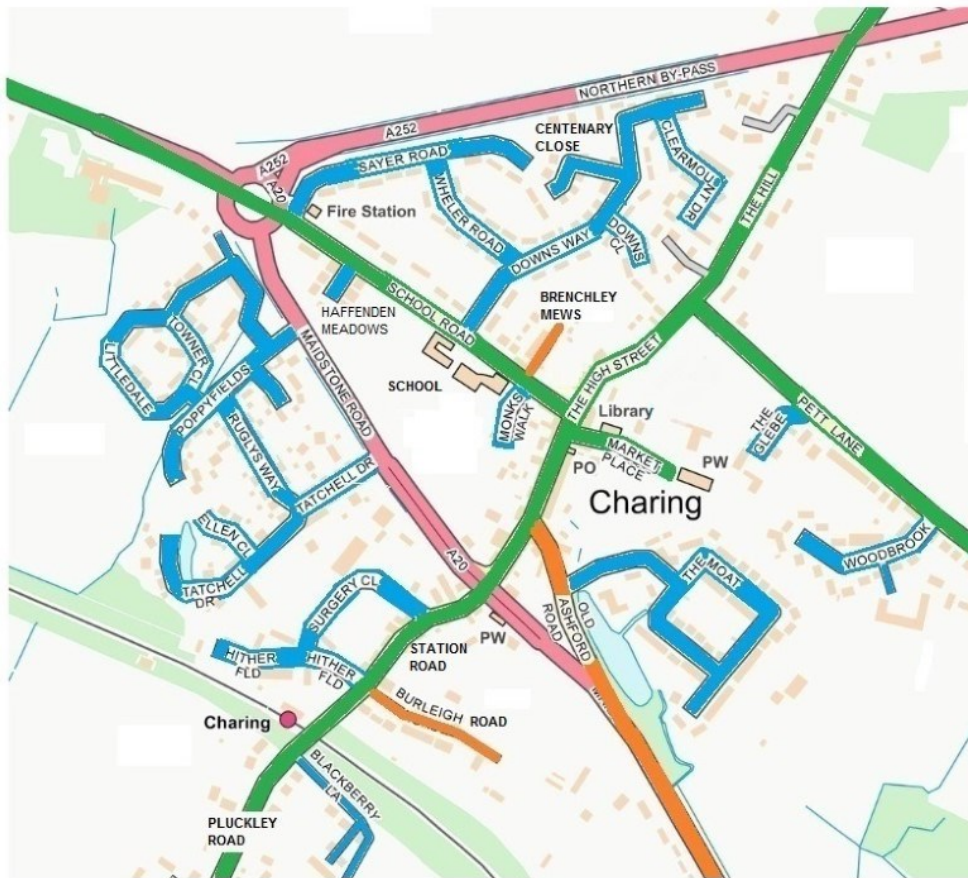
Held on a dry, sunny day in June, and the fete was as popular as ever.

The CDLHS theme was 'The History behind Charing Road names'. The display created a lot of interest, and we were pleased that several visitors told us more, and some were even able to put some names to faces in the photos .



Over to our members

CHARING THROUGH THE AGES



LEGEND

Dates Roads known to exist :

- █ By 1769
- █ By 1906
- █ 1929 Northern & Southern Bypass built
- █ Since 1929

To begin our series on the history of Roads and places in Charing, we'll print the work we did for the fete. In future issues, we'll continue the theme, and so we gradually build an A to Z.

To help us with some more detail ...

Do you know the year some of these roads were built?

We think Downs Way, Sayer Rd and Wheler Drive were built in the 1950s, Haffenden Meadow, The Moat and Woodbrook in the 1960s, Hitherfield in the 1970s, and Centenary Close in 2000. **Are we right? Please can you help? When were Blackberry Lane, Clearmount Park, Downs Close, Downs Way, Ellen Close, Surgery Close, Tatchell Drive, and The Glebe built?**

'The History Behind Charing Road Names'

Burleigh Road is the first in our series.



- This was originally a short lane (44 yards) that led to 'Windmill Field', where Charing Windmill once stood, immediately south of the railway line, at the highest point above the sewage works
- It is recorded as being there in 1283, along with a Water Mill, near today's sewage works
- Both belonged to Charing Manor & were rented out
- The name had changed to '7 Acres' by 1639 on the Darell Estate map, but no Windmill was shown
- The Windmill was a 'Post Mill' type: set on a cruciform base, where the Mill rotates around a central post
- The lane became 'Station Road' in 1890, when development started. 'Burleigh House' was built in late 1880s by Alfred Hickman of Burleigh Farm in Charing Heath
- This followed the coming of the railway, when Charing Station was opened on 1 July 1884
- By the time of the 1911 census the name had changed to 'Burleigh Road'
- In the 1920s, the southern part of the High Street became 'Station Road', when it was severed from the rest of the village, with the building of the A20

Apparently, **Burleigh Road** was, at times, known locally as 'Holy Row', because of the number of clergymen living there, and then also as 'Old Maids Row', because of the number of single ladies there. (Oral histories)

Over to our members contd.

Burleigh Road continued

Does its name come from an ancient family, BURLEIGH, or Burley, who owned a manor, west of Charing, towards Lenham? The manor eventually came into the possession of the Darrell family, owners of Calehill. Apparently, "the late 15th century house was moved wholesale to a location in Egerton in 1975." Burleigh Farm, and Burleigh Woods retain the name, and are towards Lenham Heath.

The link with Charing Hasted (1798) mentioned that one of the family, John de Burleigh, founded a chantry, afterwards called Burley's chantry, in Charing church. That seems to have been burned down in the 1590 fire. As the 'inheritors' of the Burleigh estate, the Darrell family, replaced the seats where the chapel once stood. This later entitled the occupiers of Burleigh farm to have the rights to sit in the pews there. (source John Sayer 1886)



We'd love to know more about Charing roads. If you have anything to add, or change, please let me know.

Also, if you'd like to know more about a particular road / roads, or place, please let me know for the next newsletter,

in December.

Thank you

Feedback, information and ideas to include, details to add; all always welcome.

Please email newsletter@charinghistory.co.uk

Other Local History Society News & Talks



The Tuftons of Hothfield During the Civil War

Friday 11th October, 7.30 p.m.

St Margaret's Church, Hothfield

details overleaf



*Hothfield
History Society*

Invites you to attend our next public talk on:

***The Tuftons of Hothfield
during the English Civil War***

**Friday 11th October at 7:30pm
St Margaret's Church, Church Lane,
Hothfield TN26 1EL**

An illustrated talk by Dr Janet Pennington on Sir John Tufton during the Civil War. Janet is the historian for the Wiston Estate in Sussex and has researched the Tufton family's difficult existence during the Civil War.

Please come along to find out more and to ask questions.

**All welcome. Admission: free. Tea/coffee available.
Talk lasts about 45 minutes. www.hothfieldmemories.org.uk**

Sir John Tufton, 2nd Earl of Thanet, had a tough time during the Civil War, particularly during the years of 1642-1648. He supported King Charles I and became a marked man in Kent - a 'Delinquent' - and his estates were sequestered by the Parliamentary side. His lands at Hothfield in Kent, Northiam and Wiston in Sussex were pillaged by soldiers of both sides. He went to Spa for a year 'for his health', leaving his pregnant wife Margaret and young children behind at Wiston House in Sussex. This talk explains just what happened to one family during these turbulent times.

Visitors will be welcome to tour the church and admire the colourful Tufton tomb.



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