



April 2006

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

Next meeting -

Wednesday 19th April

St. Paul's Church Hall 8.00 to 9.30 pm

“Eye Surgery, afloat in Bangladesh”

by Doctors Lynette and David Moss

(Everybody welcome - visitors £2.00)

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TADS Meeting 17th May

“It’s a Monk’s Life”

by Brother John of the Hospital of St Cross, Winchester

Last month’s meeting (15/3/06):

Unfortunately due to ill health, Sue Ealding was unable to give her lecture and dance demonstration on ‘**Middle Eastern Dance**’ as programmed. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her in the 2007 Tads programme. *By the way this was about only the third programme change in 21 years!*

As an alternative, our stalwart chairman, Bob Brown, was hastily able to show Derek Wren’s tape/slide show produced in 1964 for the Workers Educational (WEA). It chronicles Basingstoke from its earliest days at the axis of life in this part of Southern England when the ancient Harrow Way and Calleva (Silchester) Roman tracks were major routes to Winchester, Chichester, etc. The story led us up to the 1960s when Basingstoke was deemed to be suitable for London overspill development in a massive way. Sons of Basingstoke, the late John Arlott and the late Mr Willis of museum fame, gave the commentary, along with historian Derek Wren. The film poses many questions, leaving us, the viewers, to ponder whether the 1960s’ changes were for good or ill
It was certainly a very interesting potted history of Basingstoke.

Thanks Bob.

Rosemary Bond

What’s On? Local events which may be of interest.

Basingstoke Archaeological and Historical Society (7.30pm in Church Cottage, Basingstoke)

11th May - Terry Hunt’s Basingstoke by Bruce Howard of the Hampshire record office. (Terry Hunt produced local postcards before the First World War)

Friends of the Willis Museum (*meetings at 7.30pm in the museum*)

20th April - The Ancient Sacred Sites of Wessex by Peter Knight

18th May - The Cockleshell Heroes - Training in Southsea by Madeline Selby

Hampshire Record Office (*'Last Thursday' Lectures 1.15-1.45pm*)

27th April - Looking for lost houses: some Hampshire examples

25 May - Letters from camp: Hampshire voices from the Crimea
By David Rymill

Willis Museum Exhibition

18th March to 29th April - Hidden House History. All across the country people have found items of clothing, buttons, bottles and a number of other objects deliberately hidden in walls, under floorboards and in chimneys. See the objects that were once hidden, displayed in recreations of the places that they were found as well as reproductions of the objects in their original condition. This exhibition looks at what people hide in the fabric of their houses and why.

40th Anniversary of St Paul's Church, Tadley - An Exhibition in St Paul's Church and Hall on 29th, 30th April & 1st May.

Discover Hampshire is a guide to 160 great days out in Hampshire and contains some discount vouchers. It is available by e-mailing:
hampshire@responseuk.co.uk or telephoning 0800 093 8930.

The Mikron Theatre Company. The popular waterway based company are returning to the area in June with shows at 7.30pm on the 23rd at the Abbey Ruins, Reading and at 8pm on the 24th & 25th at the Rowbarge Inn, Woolhampton. Their website is WWW.mikron.org.uk

Membership Fees for 2006 are now overdue. The Treasurer is sending a reminder to those who have not yet paid.

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Tadley, April 2006.

There is now a Post Box in the Sainsbury's store. It is located in the **Exit Passage Way** and collection times are 6.00pm Mon - Fri and 10.30am Sat. No collection on Sunday. [Sunday collections are made from Giles Rd, Mulfords Hill and Bishopswood Post Offices and Tadley Sorting Office]

Death of well known Tadley resident

Tads was sorry to learn of the death on 2nd April of **Jimmy Williams**. Jimmy was a fairground showman and an expert in the restoration and painting of fairground equipment. Although not a member of Tads he was very cooperative with the society and some time ago members were invited to look at his fairground equipment, including the 1896 gallopers, which is housed in the large green "hanger" at his home on Mulfords Hill. The funeral was at Brimpton Parish Church on Tuesday 11th April and was attended by Showmen and women from all over the country. (*For more information on the Williams family see 'Around Tadley - Fact and Fable' pages 134-5*)



Roman soldiers at Silchester on Palm Sunday.

*TADS annual membership is £10 per person.
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