



January 2021

TADS Newsletter

Website - www.tadshistory.com

**A third Lockdown, but
vaccination has started.**

A TADS Talk online on Wednesday 20th January at 8 pm

‘The Windsor Chair: the remarkable story of our National chair’

by Stewart Linford

Zoom joining instructions will be sent to members in a separate email. Visitors/guests will now have to pay £3.00 and register through the TADS Website, www.tadshistory.com.



The Windsor chair will be familiar to most people as the classic bow backed wooden chair made in the Chilterns. It dates back to the 18th Century.

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Future TADS talks

17th February 2021 @ 8pm

‘The Battle of the Somme: the blackest day in the history of the British Army’

by Phil Wood.

Due to the on-going Covid-19 restrictions this will be held via Zoom.

If you need help using Zoom the TADS Website has information and a contact number.

TADS Zoom Meeting on 16th December 2020.

TADS 35th Annual General Meeting (and Quiz)

Once again Zoom and technology came to the rescue and the AGM was able to be held, even if it was a bit surreal. We had 18 or 19 members logged in so we comfortably made a quorum.

Chairman’s Report - 2020 was effectively a re-start for TADS with the recruitment of new members to the Committee and the Project Group following the near collapse in 2019. Despite the restrictions due to Covid-19 it had seen good progress during the year and the number of members had gone up for the first time in many years. This was very much due to the re-vamped TADS Website on which Steve Davidson has spent countless hours. Besides all the historical information it now enables people to join TADS and buy our publications and the 2021 Calendar. In parallel with the Website we now are on Facebook which is managed by Neil Forde (assisted by Ali Priestly). Zoom has been a saviour for the TADS talks and with the help of the speakers we have had an excellent programme. With several new members the Project Group has a new lease of life and is looking at a wide variety of subjects relating to Tadley. We have looked at re-cataloguing the archives but have been hampered by the difficulty of accessing the hired cupboard in the Community Centre.

Treasurers Report - the accounts were circulated before the meeting. Unfortunately Christine has a badly broken leg and was not online for the meeting. The accounts were accepted as the finances are in good order.

Constitution - a small amendment was made to the Constitution so that rolling memberships are enabled. (Related to joining through the website).

Project Group - Steve Davidson is now chairing the Group. There are many subjects under investigation and progress is being made in solving some long standing mysteries.

Programme - Stephen Barber has put together a good programme for the coming year. We would all like to get back to meetings in the Hall but that does not look likely for some time to come so the selected speakers are also willing to use Zoom.

Committee - The Committee were re-elected *en bloc*.

Date of next AGM - 21st December 2021.

Richard Brown

AGM Quiz

The formal AGM was followed by a Quiz set by Steve D. There were 40 questions on 4 subjects - General History, Picture quiz - travelling north through Tadley, a Musical round, History of Tadley - Drovers. Plus some tie-breakers. The winner was Carol with 24 points and Neil Forde was second with 23 points.

This is a link to the quiz so that those who did not see it can have a go.
<https://www.tadshistory.com/https://www.tadshistory.com/tads-quiz/>

The quiz is very interesting but not easy. This version does not include the Musical round. (*Thank goodness, as it was our undoing*).

2021 Programme Cards - As there is no way of distributing the traditional programme cards at the moment, we have not had any printed. As an alternative I have prepared a pdf file with the programme which you can print. I will send it out as a separate email.

2021 Committee

Chairman - Carol Stevens

TADS Secretary - Ian Burn

Minute Secretaries - Rosemary Bond and Ann Broad

Treasurer - Christine Poile

Website & Project Group - Steve Davidson

Programme - Stephen Barber

Newsletter - Richard Brown

Web assistant and Facebook - Neil Forde

Membership Subscriptions

These are now due for the year 2021. (*Different dates may apply for those who joined on-line*).

The sum is £20, a small increase on last year. As there are no hall meetings please will you pay it either through the website or by sending a cheque to Christine Poile at 34 Otterbourne Crescent, Tadley, RG26 3UJ. Thank you.

Kiln House, Silchester Road, Tadley

Kiln House and its grounds was bought some time ago by Sainsbury's who obtained planning permission to build a petrol station. We asked several times what was happening as there was no sign of action, other than the boarding up of the house a long time ago. In November we learned that Sainsbury's had abandoned their plans for the petrol station.

As some of you will have noticed, just before Christmas the site was cleared, including the felling of several mature trees, but the house still stands. What next? More houses? (The grapevine says yes).



A rather forlorn Kiln House at the end of December

Our worst Monarch by a long way.

‘XX is one of the laziest, most vain, spoilt, arrogant, self-indulgent, profligate, uncaring and conceited Englishmen ever to have lived. He is a lecherous, drunken boor; a glutton, a prig and a snob.’

Just in case you think the author was being a bit harsh, his obituary which appeared in the Times the day after his funeral, describes him as ‘an inveterate voluptuary of all known beings the most most selfish’ and declares that ‘there never was an individual less regretted by his fellow-creatures than the deceased King If he ever had a friend - a devoted friend - in any rank of life, we protest that the name of him or her has not yet reached us.’

The King - it was George IV, previously the Prince Regent or Prinny.

From ‘The Time Traveller’s Guide to Regency Britain’ by Ian Mortimer - a fascinating read.

What's on? Events which may be of interest.

Everything is shut down again until who knows when.

Take care and stay well.

***TADS annual membership is £20 per person.
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