



January 2022

TADS Newsletter

Website - www.tadshistory.com

Online yet again!

Wednesday 19th January at 8 pm via Zoom

‘Over and Under - Railway Bridges and Tunnels’

By John Holland

A tour of Britain, the cradle of railways, to search out some of the world's first ever railway bridges, viaducts and tunnels, and some of the UK's most remarkable examples, finishing with a brief sally into North America, and taking a non-technical look at their engineering and architecture, and some associated social history. Most of the illustrations are from picture postcards, many of them more than a century old.

The Zoom connection code will be sent out at the same time as this Newsletter.

If you wish to stop receiving the Newsletter please email Richard Brown or notify Carol Stevens or a Committee member.

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Future TADS talks:

16th February 2022

The Wren Churches of London

By Lance Whitehouse

(Venue to be advised)

TADS Talks.

For a variety of reasons we have decided to revert to this month's talk being held on Zoom once again. We have been considering new venues and other ways of getting back to regular face to face meetings, but things may be a bit uncertain for a while until Covid 19 is beaten. We are hoping the February talk will be face to face.

TADS Annual General meeting 15th December 2021

For the second year running the AGM was held via Zoom. For all the experience we have had over the past months it still did not go quite to plan with several hiccups along the way ! Sufficient members logged on to meet the required quorum.

The previous year's report was accepted without any matters arising.

The Chairman, Carol, thanked those members who regularly send emails thanking the committee for all their hard work in keeping everything running smoothly and for keeping members informed, it is most encouraging.

The committee managed one face-to-face meeting before the year ended.

The website continues to be a valuable resource for TADS and the Facebook Group grows weekly.

Due to the versatility of the speakers we were able to offer a full programme of talks throughout the year and October saw a return to live speaker meetings in our new venue, St. Paul's church. It has not been an

entirely successful move but we hope to ‘iron out’ the problems in the new year.

Projects this year included the unveiling of the long awaited information board at the Tadley Memorial garden in September, and a 2022 calendar featuring ‘Local Shops’ was produced.

Carol thanked the committee for all their hard work in keeping TADS alive and well throughout a difficult time

Treasurer, Christine Poile offered up her financial report together with an accompanying narrative, and she thanked Peter Searle for acting as scrutineer once again. The accounts were accepted. Christine also reported that as of November 2021 TADS had transferred from the HSBC to the Metro bank.

Due to the annual concerns regarding the required quorum of 30% it was proposed and accepted that we change the Constitution to read ‘A quorum shall consist of 25% or 15, paid-up members’ with the proposal that the committee investigate the option of online(email) voting for the 2022 AGM

Steve Davidson and Ian Burn reported on the work done by the project group this year. In addition to the Information Board and calendar the group have a long list of subjects under discussion and being researched, including: Map work ,George Roller & The Wilderness . Richard, inspired by Covid statistics, produced a paper on the Effect of The Plague, in particular locally.

Programme Secretary Stephen Barber has decided to retire. It has sometimes been difficult organising and often re-organising the speaker programme throughout the pandemic and Carol thanked him for all his hard work.

All other committee members were re-elected en bloc:

Carol Stevens – Chairman

Christine Poile -Treasurer

Steve Davidson – Webmaster

Neil Forde – Assistant webmaster / Facebook

Richard Brown – Newsletter editor

Ian Burn – General secretary / graphics

A MINUTE SECRETARY IS REQUIRED for monthly management meetings and **A PROGRAMME SECRETARY IS REQUIRED** – This is an opportunity for you to choose topics for 2023 that you may have a particular personal interest in – Regular attendance at committee meetings is not essential for this position.

Please contact Carol or Richard if you can help with either position.

It will put a lot of pressure on the remaining members of the committee if we cannot fill these posts.

NOTE: AGM 2022 will be brought forward to December 14th

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Annual Subscriptions

For many of us these are now due. Subscriptions can be paid through the website, by Cash or Cheque posted to Carol's address given at the foot of the last page, or by Cash or Cheque at a meeting.

Reading Warehouses

It has been confirmed that the store will be closing on Saturday 29th January. Their closing down sale looks to be very successful. We assume that the store will be demolished to make way for the building of McCarthy & Stone retirement properties.



Tadley Sunday Market

Some of you will have noticed that the large car park on Silchester Road, which has been the site of the Tadley Sunday market for many years, now has a lot of building activity on it. There has been preliminary work on the site for some months and the market traders had been moved to the half near the entrance.

They have now been moved to the car park on the other side of the lane by the fishing lake. We hope it does not spell the end of the market.

Five new industrial units are being built on the big car park. As the site was once a gravel pit that was back filled, fifteen metre (50ft.) deep piles are being put in to support the new buildings using a very large auger rig. (Photo below)



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

Milestones Museum is open. The website to buy admission tickets online and pre-book a day and time to visit can be found at:

<https://www.milestonesmuseum.org.uk/>

No special events listed.

The Willis Museum and Sainsbury Gallery is open with a few restrictions. <https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/willis-museum-and-sainsbury-gallery>

On until 30 January 2022. **The Art of W. Heath Robinson**, a free exhibition. (*The man who drew crazy machines - Ed*).

On until 12 Feb **Landscape and Skies**, Time and Change - an exhibition of paintings by Kim Onslow

Friends of the Willis Museum (*7.30pm at the Museum - Non-members £3, and book through the Museum on 01256 465902*)

20 Jan The Basingstoke Borough Police 1836-1889 by Bob Clarke
(Members only)

Basingstoke Archaeological and Historical Society (*Church Cottage at 7.30pm*)

10 Feb **The Stonemason**: the history of building Britain by Andrew Ziminski, Stone Mason, Minerva Stone Conservation Ltd

Covid 19 is still about - take care.

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