

January 2023

TADS Newsletter

Website - www.tadshistory.com

**Next Meeting - Monday 9th January at 8 pm, at
Baughurst and Heath End Village Hall, Heath End Road,
Baughurst RG26 5LU. (A new venue, see page 2)**

‘Last Man Standing - The Local Defence Volunteers’

by Dale Johnson

On 14 May 1940, Secretary of State for War Anthony Eden made a broadcast calling for men between the ages of 17 and 65 to enrol in a new force, the Local Defence Volunteers (LDV) as Britain’s ‘last line of defence’ against German invasion. By July, nearly 1.5 million men had enrolled and the name of this people’s army was changed to the more inspiring Home Guard. Members of this ‘Dad’s Army’ were usually men above or below the age of conscription and those unfit or ineligible for front line military service.

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 events:

At our new venue!

Monday 13th February 2023 in Baughurst & Heath End Village Hall -

‘All things British - Eccentrics, Heroes and Tea’

By Susan Howe

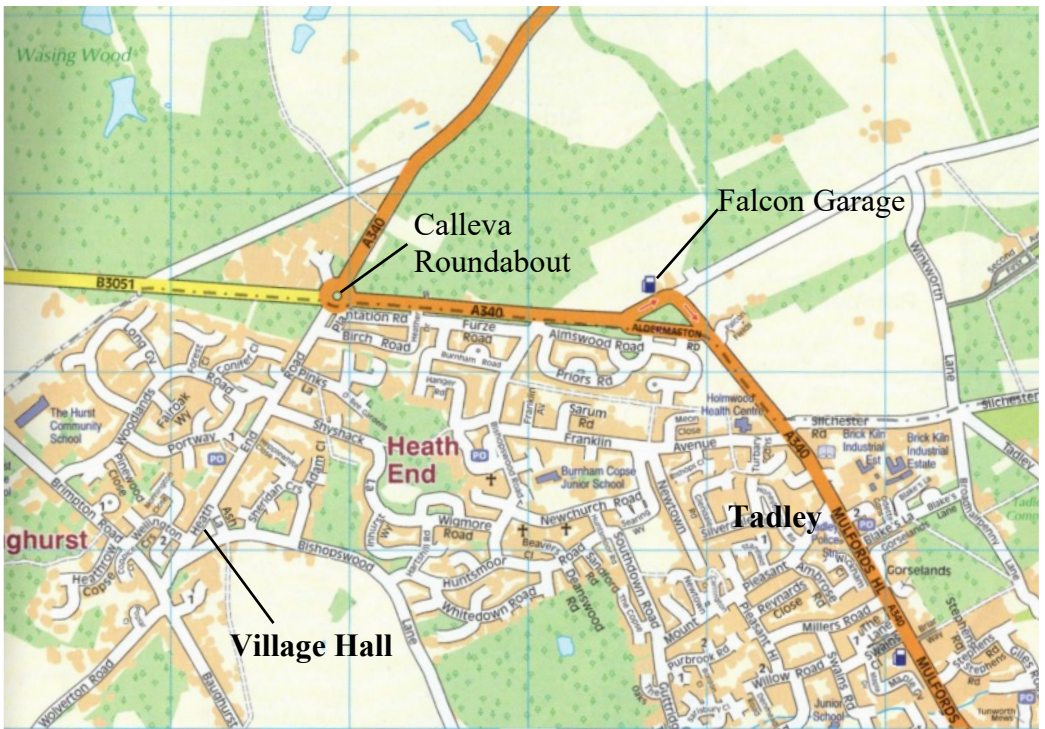
The New Venue

After we lost our very long term booking of St Paul’s Hall during the Covid pandemic we had been using St Paul’s Church itself. We gradually found that it was not at all satisfactory for our meetings, being too large with poor acoustics which made it very difficult to hear the speaker and in my opinion the amplified sound system made things worse.

Hence we spent quite some time looking for an alternative. Baughurst and Heath End Hall was chosen as by far the best alternative. It is a modern hall with a large car park, built in projector screen and sound system and padded chairs. Unfortunately we could not get our traditional evening of the third Wednesday of the month and have had to move to the second Monday.

The hall is a bit further away from the centre of Tadley than the Church, but it is readily accessible being on the left hand side near the end of Heath End Road coming from the Calleva roundabout, and just before the acute turn off into Bishops Wood Lane. See map on Page 3.





Map showing location of the Baughurst and Heath End Village Hall.

TADS Last Meeting 14th December 2022

TADS Annual General Meeting

Our thanks go to everyone who turned out for the AGM on what was a very cold evening. You easily achieved the necessary quorum.

The previous year's report was accepted without any matters arising. The Chairman, Carol, thanked the members of the committee and others for all their hard work in keeping everything running smoothly and for keeping members informed. The committee have generally met on Zoom as a more efficient way of working.

The website continues to be a valuable resource for TADS members and other people and the Facebook Group grows weekly of yielding photos and other items of interest.

From February we were able to offer a full programme of face to face talks using St. Paul's Church as the venue. It has not been an entirely successful move and we have decided to move yet again to Baughurst and Heath End Village Hall. *(See notes on Page 2).*

The 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 Society finances are in a very good position. The accounts were accepted. Due to IT problems we are reverting to a set Annual membership and payment online has been ended, but direct payment into our Bank Account is now possible.

Ian Burn reported on the work done by the Project Group this year. Another calendar has been produced, the Group did a presentation on World War I Medical Services as a TADS talk. Completed research topics are being written up and posted as TADS project papers on the Website. They will be added to during the coming year, some of them a reconfiguring of topics previously published in different forms. The resignation of Steve Davidson resulted in a several website and IT problems which have taken a lot of effort to resolve. Members are always welcome to join the project group especially if there is a topic you want to investigate and need help.

Programme Secretary Stephen Barber did not retire as expected. He has been busy putting together the new programme of speakers as well as administering the last one. Carol thanked him for all his hard work.

All other committee members were re-elected en bloc:

Carol Stevens – Chairman

Christine Poile -Treasurer

Ian Burn – General secretary / graphics/Webmaster

Neil Forde – Assistant webmaster / Facebook

Richard Brown – Newsletter editor

The evening concluded with a welcome opportunity to chat with other members while enjoying a snack.

TADS Talks Programme 2023

Monday 9th January - see Page 1

Monday 13th February - see Page 2

Monday 13th March - A walk through Tadley by TADS Project group (NB. this is a talk not a guided walk).

Monday 10th April - Bank Holiday - No meeting

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday - No meeting

Monday 12th June - The Duke of Wellington his life and service - Brigadier Michael Aris

Monday 10th July - To be confirmed

August - Summer recess - No meeting

Monday 11th September- The complete history of Thatcham - Dr Nick Young

Monday 9th October - The Windsor Chair (with real chairs) - Stewart Linford

Monday 13th November - Building Spitfires without a factory- Alan Matlock

Monday 11th December - TADS Annual General Meeting

Website - The website was down for a couple of weeks including the Christmas period. This was due to problems with the hosting site/ domain name controller and with who was the named administrator of our website. It took some time to resolve and every thing is now running well. We apologise for any inconvenience it may have caused.

TADS 2023 Calendar

All the calendars we had printed have been sold, so we have covered our costs.

Membership Subscriptions.

TADS is no longer able to support online membership subscriptions or renewals (the technology defeated us!). Because of this, the committee has agreed to revert to its old annual subscription system. To help members and the Treasurer, we have introduced a membership form which combines a member's information and agreement on the use of member's data (often referred to as the GDPR requirement).

A copy of the form will be included with the AGM papers. Copies will also be available at TADS meetings and can be download from the TADS website.

We ask members to complete the form and return it, signed and dated, to TADS Treasurer, Christine Poile. The form includes a number of payment options, please follow the instructions for your chosen option.

Alternatively, you can renew your membership subscription when attending one of our forthcoming meetings January or February 2023

Many thanks. Christine Poile, TADS Treasurer.

Newsletters from other local history groups

We are now regularly receiving newsletters and similar items from other local groups such as the Basingstoke Heritage Society and the Basingstoke Archaeological and Historical Society. They do have some very interesting articles and photographs in them.

As they are now sent to us as pdf files, we can send them out to any of you who are interested at no cost. I will start a special email list of those who want to see them.

Please let me know if you want to be on this list. Mailings may be a bit random and it will be all or nothing. Of course you can opt out at any time just by sending me an email.

Richard

So far I have one name!

Personalised Ordnance Survey (OS) Maps

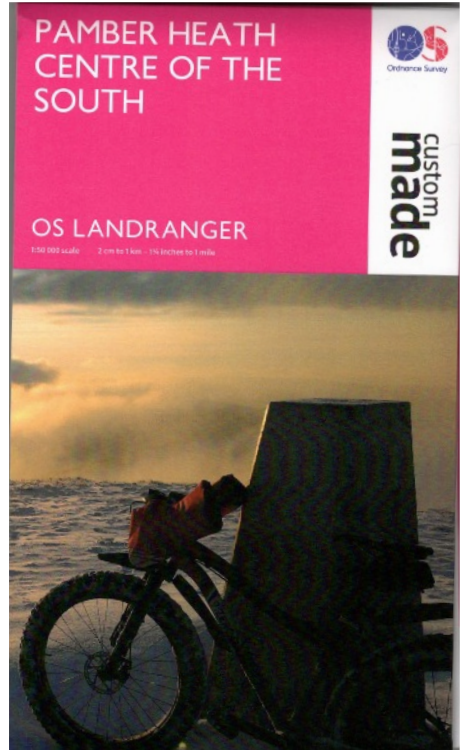
Tadley is far from unique in that it lies on the corner of four OS maps, but at times it is frustratingly annoying. The bit you want to look at is always on the map you didn't bring out of the study to the lounge.

So for Christmas I arranged to have a present of one each of the Landranger (1:50,000) and Explorer (1:25,000) folded Custom Made maps centred on Pamber Heath. Hence the title of the map shown alongside.

The process is very simple and even in the Christmas mail hiatus the maps arrived very quickly. Just go to the OS website:

<https://shop.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/custom-made/>

and define what you want. At £19.99 they are not cheap but well worth it if you live in the Tadley area. One word of caution, the centre of the map is on the main fold so it may be worth putting your personal centre a bit north or south to avoid the fold.



Richard

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

Milestones Museum The website to buy admission tickets can be found at: <https://www.milestonesmuseum.org.uk/>

No special events are advertised at the moment but you are reminded that a ticket for the museum is valid for a whole year no matter how many times you visit.

The Willis Museum and Sainsbury Gallery

<https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/willis-museum-and-sainsbury-gallery>:

Until 22 Jan. **Trinity Buoy Wharf Drawing Prize 2022.** An exhibition of the shortlist and winning drawings.

29 Jan at 2pm - Sunday tea and talks: **A day in the life of a magistrate** by Dr Tony Hersh. £5 and must be booked.

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

19 Jan - **Norman Thelwell** (1924-2004) : Celebrated cartoonist and artist - by Tim Craven (*This is a change from the previously advertised talk*). *Thelwell was perhaps best know for his cartoons of small girls on fat ponies.*

Basingstoke Archaeological and Historical Society (7.30 at Church Cottage, Basingstoke)

12 Jan - Buildings of the Neolithic, Bronze Age and Anglo Saxons – recent works at **Butser Ancient Farm** by Trevor Creighton.

9 Feb - The Andover Workhouse Scandal Reviewed - Professor Michael Wheeler, Visting Professor, University of Southampton

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