

June 2023

## TADS Newsletter

Website - [www.tadshistory.com](http://www.tadshistory.com)

**Next Meeting - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 8 pm, at  
Baughurst and Heath End Village Hall, Heath End Road,  
Baughurst RG26 5LU.**

### **‘The Duke of Wellington his Life and Service’**

**By Richard Bennett & Prof John Missenden \***  
(Guides at Stratfield Saye House)

The talk will capture the Duke of Wellington’s life from his birth in 1769 to his state funeral in 1852. Inevitably the story includes conflict in India, the Peninsula War and of course at Waterloo. After what the Duke hoped “would be my last battle” we will follow his political life, his varied appointments, including Prime Minister, and his role as an elder statesman. His fondness for the company of beautiful women is not forgotten, some of his pithier comments include “what has it come to when a gentleman cannot give a lady a tiara without causing comment” and “published and be damned”.

*(Everybody welcome - visitors £3.00)*

*\* This is a change of due to the recent illness of Brigadier Aris.*

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:**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in Baughurst & Heath End Village Hall**

# **‘The Livery Companies of London’**

**by Lance Whitehouse**

*As there was no meeting last month I do not have a report to publish so I have found odds and ends of local interest- Richard*

## **TADS ‘An Historic Walk Through Tadley’ display in the library.**

The display has been in the Library for over two weeks and has been well received. The photo was taken when we showed David Leeks, the Mayor of Basingstoke, the display and the new display boards for which he supported our grant application to the B&DBC Councillor Community Grant Scheme.



L to R - Neil Forde, Peter McNulty, Councillor Leeks, Carol Stevens, Christine Poile, Carolyn Southgate (Library Team Manager), Richard Brown.

# The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023



The Coronation ceremony in Westminster Abbey



The Coronation coach approaching Buckingham Palace



The Coronation was marked locally by a large party on Tadley Green and many street parties, and the weather was good!



The party on the Green, Tadley



A street party in Pamber Heath

## Pat Galvin

Pat was an enthusiastic member of TADS for many years, although due to declining health she had not been to any meetings for quite a while. She was an essential part of the Project Team which produced the books 'Around Tadley fact and fable' and 'Around Tadley people and places'.

As a young mother, age 22, Pat contracted polio, spent time in an iron lung and recovered well enough to live to the age of 88, far beyond the prognosis of 60 years. TADS was represented at the funeral by Carol, Ann Broad and Richard. *(The photo was taken in May 2008).*



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## Display Boards

As we now have a new set of display boards the old ones are surplus to requirements and free to anyone who wants them. They are in bespoke canvas carrying cases and there are different sizes

Enquiries to Carol, who has full details. Tel. (0118) 9701578

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## Tadley Place Gardens

Lyn and Ronald Duncan will be opening their gardens from 2 to 5 on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June under the 'Yellow Book' National Garden scheme. Admission is £6.

More information at <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/37182/tadley-place>

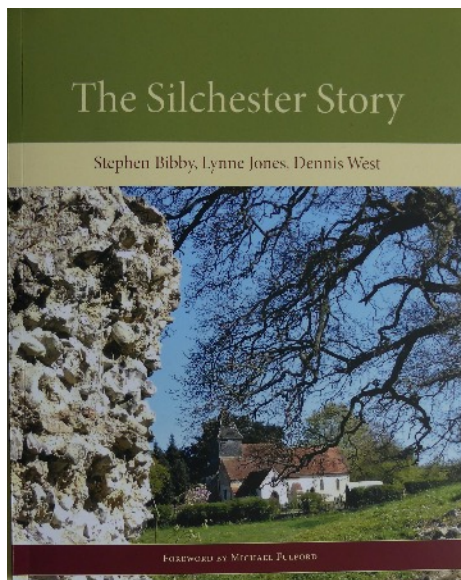
If you do go, or are in that area look out for their large barn which has just been re-thatched. And as you pass St. Peter's Church notice that it is undergoing much needed renovations.

## The Silchester Story

This new book on Silchester parish has just been published. It covers the history of the parish and features many of its interesting buildings with lots of colour photographs.

If you have any interest in Silchester it is a good buy at £10.

*(We hope to have it on sale at our coming 12<sup>th</sup> June meeting).*



## A potentially very large housing development

Bewley Homes are proposing to develop land next to Skates Lane (on the left just before reaching Dix Hill on the A340 to the south of Tadley). The development will be in both Pamber and Tadley parishes.

Bewley Homes will be holding an exhibition at the Hurst Leisure Centre on 20 June between 17.00 - 22.00 showing the outline planning for 260 houses on this site. *(I believe their first proposal was for 600 houses).*

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**A big tower crane** working on the building of the McCarthy Stone sheltered accommodation on the old Reading Warehouses site in New Road, Tadley.





## Natural History of the Tadley area



While helping with a newt survey on Silchester Common this female Greater Diving Beetle was accidentally captured. They are large and not uncommon but rarely seen. (The newts are doing very well, all three species found).



A Broad-Bodied Chaser dragonfly which visited our garden pond.

## **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/>

22 Jul - 3 Sep **Summer Fun at Milestones**

### **The Willis Museum and Sainsbury Gallery**

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

Until 30 Jul: **Our Windrush Story:** *The arrival of HMT Empire Windrush at Tilbury in June 1948 bringing 802 passengers from the Caribbean was a seminal moment in British history. This exhibition commemorates and celebrates the contribution of the Windrush Generation to Basingstoke.*

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

June 15th **The Murder of Sidney Spicer**, by Paul Stickler  
*In 1920 taxi driver Sidney Spicer was found dead with a bullet wound to the head beside a road near Andover. His taxi was found 150 miles away...*

“Sunday tea and talk” June 15 (2pm-3.30pm) **The good old cause, part 2**, by Tim Craven. *On the English civil War and the twists and turns of the English Republic. Part 2 is entitled "The road back to monarchy".*

Tea or coffee and cake are served afterwards. There is a charge of £6. Please book on-line at

[www.hampshireculture.org.uk/willis-museum-and-sainsbury-gallery](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/willis-museum-and-sainsbury-gallery)

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

No lecture in July.

**TADS annual membership is £20 per person.  
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