



November 2024

TADS Newsletter

Website - www.tadshistory.com

**Next Meeting - Monday 11th November 2024 at 8 pm, at
Baughurst and Heath End Village Hall, Heath End Road,
Baughurst RG26 5LU.**

‘Roller and Burberry’

By Ian Burn (TADS Project group)

Multi-talented Tadley resident Major George C Roller (1856-1941) was an artist, a soldier who served in both the Boer War and World War I, a steeplechase rider, a London Magistrate, and a Governor of London Hospitals and the Royal Berkshire Hospital. For much of his life George lived in Tadley at The Wilderness (now Tadley Court School) and The Cottage (now Rollers).

Our talk will explore the close links the Roller family had with local outfitter, Thomas Burberry, during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

(Everybody welcome - visitors £3.00)

**This meeting marks the 40th anniversary of the
founding of TADS. Help us celebrate at 7.30pm,
before the meeting, with coffee and cake.**

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Future TADS events:

Monday 9th December 2024 in Baughurst & Heath End Village Hall:

TADS AGM and a social.

TADS Last Meeting 14th October 2024

The Loddon Valley Lions Club by Lion, John Goodchild.

Worthy enthusiastic Club Secretary and Loddon Valley Lion, John Goodchild has been a Lion since 1987 – as a Vice District Governor, Chairman of the Governors and with all the other Lions, has been doing lots of grass roots good, not only in Tadley, but in the district and even abroad. If the Lions are involved, you know all will be all right!

The 1.4 million Lions are the largest international organisation helping those less fortunate, wherever in the World. They specialise in Medic Alert where the inside of one's front door has a sticker indicating that inside the fridge is one's personal information, ready for the Emergency Services.

Also there's information there about your pet(s) – and who's to care for them etc. This information also is linked up with doctors' surgeries and pharmacies.

Who pays for all this? The Loddon Valley Lions work very hard to raise money through Easter Egg raffles, the Tadley Treacle Fair (an outside jolly, very popular in Tadley!) Golf Days, the Christmas Float and local fetes and events, etc. There are over a thousand Lions' Clubs in Britain, with Ireland being separate. In our area there are Lions Clubs in Abingdon, Basingstoke, Newbury and of course, John's club here in the Loddon Valley.

The Lions' organisation began in the U.S.A. in 1912 when one Melvin Jones thought it a good idea to go international to help others. In 1917 they helped quell the Russian Revolution and from then on, the Lions spread all over the world.

The Lions help with donations, equipment, etc. gardening, decoration, providing wheelchairs, wheelchair ramps and support youth of the day also. One famous American lady, Helen Keller, who was both blind and deaf, urged the Lions to become Knights of the Blind, saying: ‘alone one can do so little, together one can do so much.....’ White walking sticks indicated that a person was blind.

Taiwan had the first Lions’ Club outside the U.S.A; then China, South America and by the late 1940s, help had spread worldwide.

Melvin Jones, William Woods and D.A. Skeen contributed to the United Nations Charter and respect for equal rights. Edukit produced the School in the Box, for children in disaster areas until their schools can be built/re-built.

The Lions promote an Annual Peace poster for the area schools with a prize for the winner: ages 9 years to 13 years.

In 1948 Sweden had Lions’ Clubs and by 1950 came the first English one, followed by Switzerland, France and Norway. Our late Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was impressed by the Lions’ work and saw the deprived children in 1950 London’s East End had a donation – and the Church of England Childrens’ Society was formed.

Clubs were then formed in Brighton, Portsmouth, 1953 in Scotland, 1955 in Ireland and in 1976 the Loddon Valley Lions were created – because Basingstoke Lions’ Club was too big and had a waiting list.

One should feel comforted that we have a Lions group in our area. They do so much good.

Thank you, John, for your informative talk. Long may the Lions thrive!

Rosemary Bond



TADS Committee News

TADS have been given £500 by the trustees of Helping Hands in Tadley from the winding up of their activities and shop. We thank them for this very generous gift which was entirely unexpected. The money will be used to fund a historic Tadley information leaflet which the project group have been preparing for a while.

The leaflet will sign-post interesting buildings in Tadley; have a map showing where to find them; and have a short history of Tadley and of TADS. The Town council are also having an input. With the above money we will be able to make the leaflet available to residents and visitors for free.

A Country Pad.

If you fancy owning and living in a historic house in Tadley, here is a great opportunity. Tadley Place which dates from Elizabethan times is for sale. Mind you, you will need much deeper pockets than mine as the asking price is just under £3,000,000.



Tadley Place, October 2020

Unusual Christian Names

I have recently been doing some work with the entries for Tadley in the 1891 census. We oldies often think some of the names given to modern children are a bit odd but some names from 1891 are completely unused today and others, which were still around in my youth, have completely gone out of fashion. Consider these (in no particular order):

Boys - Absolom, Esau, Silvanus, Lancelot, Septimus, Caiaphas, Archibald, Furley, Barnet, Percy, Sidney Gilbert, Keziah

Girls - Bethiah, Brettinia, Traniet, Hamutal, Tryphena, Thirza, Matilda, Fanny, Effie, Mabel, Dorcas, Patience, Minnie, Drucilla, Lavinia.

Natural History Corner



Fly Agaric mushrooms on Silchester Common, a good sign of Autumn. Probably the most colourful of British Fungi but not to be eaten as they are poisonous to humans.

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/>

Milestones Christmas events start on 30 November with the **Christmas Market**.

The Willis Museum and Sainsbury Gallery

16 Nov. – 23 Feb. 2025: **Basingstoke's My Home**: Local Stories with Global Roots. This community curated exhibition celebrates different cultures and the diversity that makes Basingstoke such a special place to live.

24 Nov. 2 pm Sunday afternoon talk – **Coaches and Coach Horns** by Colin Pawson. (followed by tea or coffee and cake) £7.00 and must be booked. To book go on-line at www.hampshireculture.org.uk/willis-museum, or call in, or phone 01256 465902.

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

21 Nov - **Captain John Aidan Liddell VC**, by Natalie Larnar.

Captain Lidell, whose family lived at Sherfield Manor, was a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps in World War I. Whilst flying over Belgium on a reconnaissance mission he was seriously injured by enemy fire but landed the badly damaged plane saving the life of his observer/gunner. In recognition, he was awarded the Victoria Cross but later died of his injuries and was buried in the Holy Ghost Cemetery.

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

11th Nov - **The Unknown Warrior** - Rhydian Vaughan MBE.

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