

# SHEPHERDSWELL & COLDRED HISTORY SOCIETY

The monthly newsletter for Members and Friends of S & C H S

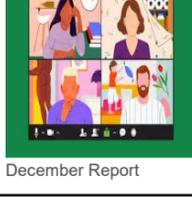
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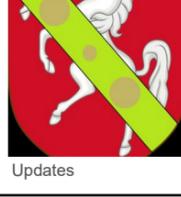
## Top stories in this newsletter



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This month's photo

## Members' Nights

Starting this month, the Society will start broadcasting short presentations about local history for all to see. January's programme is about an unwelcome visitor. There will be a follow-up discussion online on Zoom. More details soon via our website, Facebook page, Shepherdswell News and Coldred Facebook pages.

## December Report

As last month, the work done by the Committee has been largely focused on Three Barrows Down. More news on this to follow soon.

## 100 Years Ago

Jean Wooldridge has provided us with more news articles. Two of which follow on from previously published articles in our Newsletters.

The first article is taken from the Correspondence Section of the Dover Express dated the 7th January 1921 and follows on from the fire at Sibertswold Place.

This article highlights, the often questioned fact, that most of the first miners to move down to work at Snowdown did live in Shepherdswell.

**THE FIRE AT SIBERTSWOLD PLACE.**  
(To the Editor of the Dover Express.)  
Sir,—In the hurry and confusion of the fire at Sibertswold Place on the 15th December last it was not possible for me to distinguish or remember every one of my friends and neighbours, especially the miners, who turned out in the middle of that bitter night to attempt to save the house and its contents. I shall be much obliged, therefore, if you would allow me, through your columns, publicly to express the deep gratitude of Lady Rice and myself to all in Shepherdswell who were present on that night. It was impossible to save the house, but nearly all the pictures, many valuables, and a great deal of furniture were saved owing entirely to the exertions of our friends. We hope still to remain amongst the men of Kent, and shall always consider it both our duty and pleasure to forward the interests of Shepherdswell.  
Yours faithfully,  
**ERNEST RICE,**  
Admiral.

This article is from the same edition of the Dover Express and shows the new and thriving Men's Club holding a whist drive and dance. It does not say where this was held, only that it was in Shepherdswell. Probably at St. Andrews Village Hall.

**SHEPHERDSWELL.**  
**MEN'S CLUB.**—The Men's Club held a successful whist drive on New Year's Eve, when fifteen tables were in play. About a hundred people were present; and after the drive dancing took place.

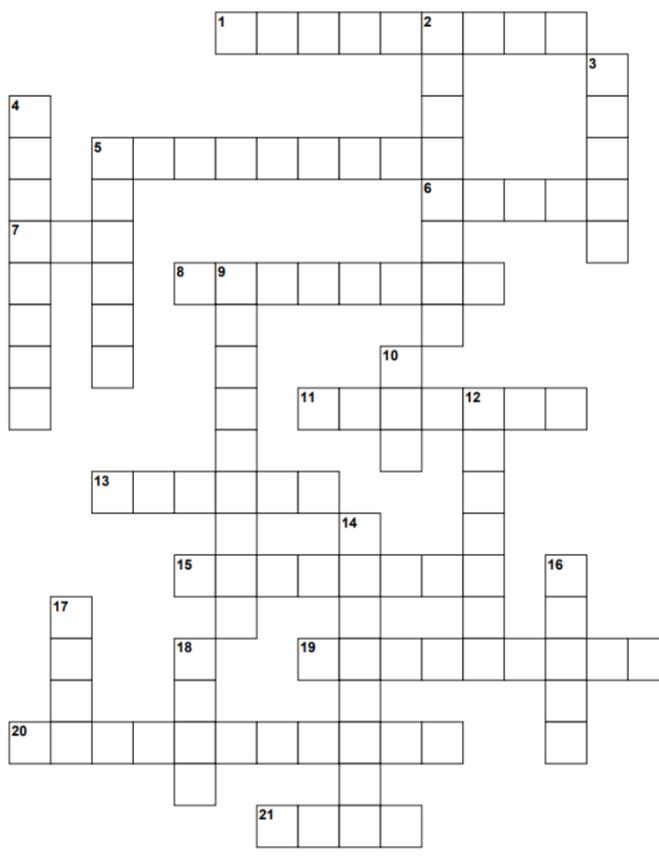
This is from the Dover Express dated the 21st January 1921 and shows and advertisement for the wife of the village Gentleman Farmer and author, Richard Higgs.

**CAPABLE** trustworthy girl wanted for general housework; good wages and outings.—Apply, Mrs. R. Higgs, Coxhill Farm, Shepherdswell. 5997 a21

## Puzzles

This month, a timely crossword, NOT cryptic. The first person to correctly complete it and send it to [keithbryanroberts@gmail.com](mailto:keithbryanroberts@gmail.com) or drop it through my letterbox at 47 Westcourt Lane wins a box of chocolates.

Last month's winner was Jan Griffin with the winning word, *shepherds*, who took home a tub of Roses for Christmas. Congratulations.



### ACROSS

- 1 Act of counting in reverse in preparation for an event
- 5 Sparkling white wine
- 6 Sound that has rhythm, melody, and harmony
- 7 Evening before a holiday
- 8 Long narrow flag
- 11 Day on which ordinary business activity is suspended
- 13 Season between autumn and spring
- 15 Small pieces of colored paper thrown in the air
- 19 Instrument that measures time
- 20 Merry-making
- 21 Pressing with the lips as a sign of affection

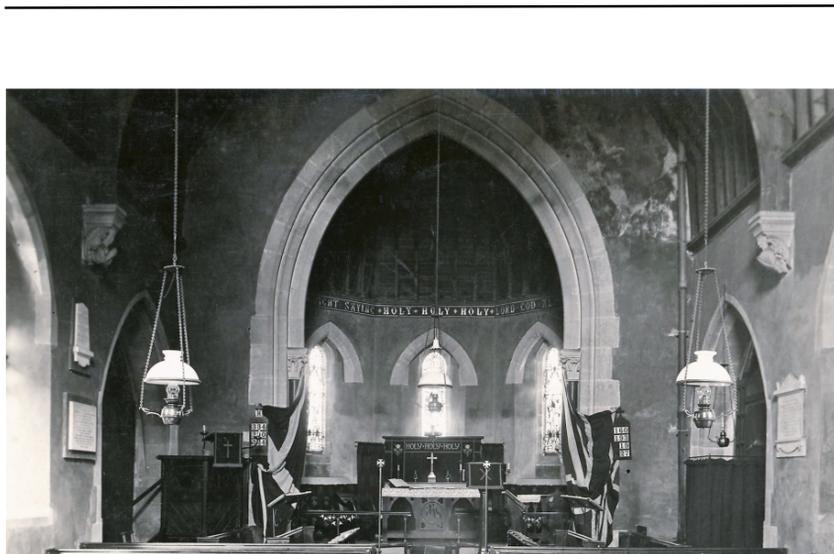
### DOWN

- 2 Twelfth month of the year
- 3 Mechanical or electric device for measuring time
- 4 Chart of the days, weeks, and months of a year
- 5 Cries of encouragement or appreciation
- 9 Beliefs, customs, and mores of a culture
- 10 Elderly
- 12 Activity of moving the body to music for enjoyment
- 14 Mental process of recalling experience from the past
- 16 Call on other people to drink in honor of someone or something
- 17 Arrangement of events into past, present, and future
- 18 Infant

## Projects

Are you doing any research at the moment or do you want to start?

It would be great if you had something to share and if you want some help starting or help along the way, we have some gifted minds who might be able to help. So just ask.



## This Month's Photo & Quote

This month's photograph was taken sometime in the 20th century and shows the interior of St. Andrews Church, Shepherdswell. If anyone can put a date to this photo it would be very helpful. There are some obvious clues given the state of some of the walls and the hanging lamps.

*"History is not a burden on the memory but an illumination of the soul."*

- Lord Acton

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