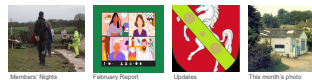


Top stories in this newsletter



Members' Nights

Following our successful feature held on the 25th of February, by our Chairman John Babbitt, we will be presenting another short programme on the 25th of March. This will be about the 'History of Long Lane'.

February Report

Looking forward to the Big History Day in September (hopefully), research has started on this year's topic - 'Public Houses of Shepherdswell & Coldred'. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for more information about this key event in our calendar. As last month, the Committee has continued to focus on Three Barrows Down with a number of online meetings with key parties in order to progress this project.

100 Years Ago

Our article, taken from the Dover Express & East Kent News, dated the 4th March 1921

SERIOUS ACCIDENT—After leaving her father on Friday last at the site of the new bungalow at Shepherdswell, Effie Stone, a young girl, taking a short cut across the fields to get to her home, Mill Cottages, took the wrong direction, walking a fence which led to the cutting of the East Kent Light Railway instead of the one to her home, as a result of which she fell into the cutting at the mouth of the tunnel, falling about 35 feet. She must have lain there for about three hours, as she left her father at about 8 o'clock and was found at approximately 11.30 p.m. She suffered severe contusion, but is reported to be progressing favourably.

MAJOR ASTOR and Lady Violet Astor were the guests of the evening at a largely attended conversation held at the St. Andrew's Hall on Tuesday evening in connection with the newly formed branch of the Women's National Unionist Association.

The 'new bungalow' refers to 'Hazelton'. Effie was the daughter of Thomas Stone, whose brother Henry was the last landlord of the Leather Bottle public house on Moon's Hill. Effie became an Auxiliary Nurse and married Albert Lander in 1947 at Lambeth, London and died in 1977.



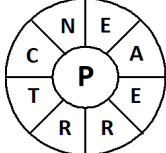
The photo above shows Major Astor and Lady Violet Astor around 1920. Major Astor would become MP for Dover in 1922, for 23 years, and owner of The Times newspaper. He was an Olympic gold medalist, winning the Rackets doubles in 1908. During World War One he lost a leg and later became a Lieutenant-Colonel. He would become Baron Astor of Hever in 1956.

Lady Violet Astor was the daughter of Gilbert Elliot-Murray-Kynynmound, 4th Earl of Minto, Viceroy and Governor-General of India and Governor General of Canada. Her first husband, Lord Charles Petty-Fitzmaurice, was killed in action on 30th October 1914 in World War I. She was awarded the Venerable Order of St John for her worldwide mission 'to prevent and relieve sickness and injury, and to act to enhance the health and well-being of people anywhere in the world.'

Puzzles

This month, a word wheel. All words must contain the central letter, words must be at least 4 letters and no proper nouns. The first person to find the 9 letter word and send it to hubbards@shepherdswhistory.org or drop it through my letterbox at 47 Westcourt Lane write a box of chocolates.

There was no winner last month and although I would like to say it will be a rollover, I can't. The chocolates have been consumed, by ahem... unknown persons (Chris did it).



30 words = Fair, 40 words = Good, 50 words = Very Good, 55 = Excellent, 60+ = Deliy

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 in 1976 and shows Ashford Garage. This was situated on the corner of Eythorne Road and Meadowview Road. Originally sited opposite Hazelton for a few years before being moved to here. It was initially called Shepherdswell Engineering and was started by Mr. Barnard (Barnards Gardens).

'God cannot alter the past, though historians can.'

Samuel Butler