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HISTORY of EFFINGHAM



above – Joseph Stewart Adams (1876-1952) was the head teacher at St Lawrence School from 10 January 1910 until 31 August 1945. He joined the army in the First World War, becoming a Captain and serving in Salonika where he contracted malaria. He was a warden and choirmaster at St Lawrence Church for two decades, as well as Treasurer for many years of the local British Legion branch. In the 1930s he was Chairman of the Silver Jubilee Committee and of the Effingham Playing Fields Committee, being a major player in the purchase of the KGV Playing Fields. During the Second World War he was in charge of local food distribution.

below – Lilian Olivia (née Lukin) Mooney (1873-1972) lived over half a century at Rose Cottage in The Street. Serving many spells as President of the Effingham Women's Institute, she contributed hugely to the social life of the village and played important roles in wartime, assisting Belgian refugees in the First World War and evacuees to Effingham in the Second, besides chairing Effingham's Women's Voluntary Services. She was a founder member and President of the St Lawrence Club until her death.



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PREFACE

This fifth volume in our series *Studies in the History of Effingham* begins with an extensive study of Woodlands Road, which spans the parishes of both Effingham and Little Bookham. The history of this road's development and of its occupants has greatly benefited from the documentation and testimony gathered over many years by two long-term residents of the road, Derek Ruffles and the late Ron Dobbs. Their abstracts of title have been particularly valuable in clarifying how the land passed from major estate owners like Charles Edward Lambert to the prolific land-dealing middle-man Allen Ansell who then sold small pieces of it in turn to numerous individuals.

An article then follows on the compact group of Pauling family graves at Our Lady of Sorrows, examining their inscriptions and genealogical connections. There are poignant stories to be told concerning some of those interred there, as shown in the newspaper reports included in the article. Setting out an accurate account of these graves has been a long-term project undertaken by Michael Agius, involving several heroic stints on his part of cleaning the stones to render them legible.

We next stray, with some trepidation, beyond the comfort zone of our familiar boundaries in order to document, in the third article, an interpretation of some historic photographs of Bookham High Street. These images come mostly from postcards within an extensive collection, spanning many parishes, assembled by Derek and Ron. Research for this article also uncovered some interesting connections with residents of Effingham. It is anticipated that future volumes will present other selected subsets of this postcard collection.

There follows a quite long account of the Old Forge and The Blacksmith's Arms in Church Street. In the absence of useful title deeds we have had to rely somewhat upon plausible conjecture in what we say about the succession of ownerships and tenancies of these properties. We are very fortunate in having the benefit of some fine early photographs illustrating how the buildings were used in different eras.

The fifth article tells the intriguing story of how a Crimean army veteran, Francis Goss, came to be given a funeral at St Lawrence Church with full military honours. Its author Jeremy Palmer, who first brought all this to ELHG's attention, presents some remarkable aspects of the story which he delved out from obscure sources. It has to be the most entertaining article in this volume.

The subject of the next study is the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897. Celebrations of this were staged throughout Britain and the Empire, including a magnificent procession on the streets of London. This sixth article presents what we know of the local celebrations of the Jubilee in Effingham and also says a little of what was happening in nearby towns and villages. It is drawn mostly from our original study of the occasion presented on our website in the *Village Events* section.

The final two articles likewise continue the slow process of transforming our website material into print, in this case dealing with the greater part of the website's *Book Extracts* section. One such extract is the account of the Effingham Half-Hundred given in *The History and Antiquities of the County of Surrey* (1809) by Manning and Bray and is sufficiently extensive to require treatment as a complete article (the seventh) in itself. The eighth and last article combines ten smaller extracts from other books.

We are pleased that some new names appear among the authors of this present volume, furthering our ambition of engaging more of our members – and also individuals who are not currently members – in the task of writing up the Group's research.

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