



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
will take place on

MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020 at 7.30

at

The Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, Effingham

1. Introductions (if required)

2. Members' reports and queries

This is an informal session where anyone can chip in with news of recent or forthcoming events, research, questions, requests for help etc. We also often discuss issues about the Group's progress or developments generally.

3. Windmills and graveboards *Sue Morris*

... two things no longer visible in today's Effingham. Where were they, and what were they? A look at hints provided by old maps, documents and illustrations.

4. New acquisitions

An opportunity for showing and discussing recent new acquisitions which can then be studied more during the interval.

INTERVAL

5. A fortune lost but a family found *Chris Hogger*

Chris mentioned his discovery of this unexpected but poignant story at the last meeting, maintaining the mystery of what or who it is about. He has supplied the image below which relates in some way.



6. Date and venue of Next Meeting/s, all at the Methodist Church

Monday 10 February

Monday 9 March

Monday 20 April

TUESDAY 12 MAY AGM



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
will take place on

MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020 at 7.30

at

The Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, Effingham

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2. Members' reports and queries

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3. "Exceptional people and high achievers"

A special chance to view the official recording made of the ceremony at Buckingham Palace in 2002 at which Eddie received his MBE for Services to the Community. Eddie will be able to introduce it and tell us more about his and Betty's experience of that day.

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INTERVAL

5. The Patten and Scarff families of Effingham *Chris Hogger*

Chris will present new facts and images about these families, having had the opportunity to scan and document a descendant's family photographs.

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TUESDAY 12 MAY: AGM, at The Drift Golf Course



An Indian 'mugger' crocodile, the reported cause of Private Scarff's
tragic death in 1915



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MONDAY 9 MARCH 2020 at 7.30

at

The Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, Effingham

1. Introductions (if required)

2. Members' reports and queries

This is an informal session where anyone can chip in with news of recent or forthcoming events, research questions, website or archive matters, requests for help etc. We also often discuss issues about the Group's progress or developments generally.

3. The Patten and Scarff families of Effingham - Part 2 *Chris Hogger*

Chris will present a second batch of images and observations arising out of a descendant's family photographs and documents.

4. New acquisitions

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INTERVAL

5. Study session: St Lawrence parish registers *Sue Morris*

Parish registers for Births, Marriages and Deaths have been kept by St Lawrence Church since 1565. We will look at what these are like and, particularly, the interesting and perhaps unexpected additional information captured in some of the entries.

6. Date and venue of Next Meeting/s, all at the Methodist Church

Monday 20 April

TUESDAY 12 MAY: AGM, at The Drift Golf Course

Name:	Francis Young
Age:	111
Birth Date:	abt 1725
Death Date:	abt 1836
Burial Date:	30 Mar 1836
Burial Place:	Effingham, St Lawrence, Surrey, England

Entry in the Burial Register (according to ancestry.co.uk) for Francis Young,
who was buried in Effingham on 30 March 1836.

Notice how old 'Francis Young' was!



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
will take place on

MONDAY 20 April 2020

Virtual Meeting No. 1

ELHG's meetings were suspended from April 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic and replaced by the issuing of 'virtual meeting' newsletters. The main topics of issue No. 1 are listed below.

1. Members' reports and queries

2. Plague and Pestilence

A study of local impacts of the Black Death (1348), the Great Plague (1665-66) and the "Spanish" Flu (1918-19).

3. The Fox and the Vixen

Newspaper article of 1909 about a fox hunt near Effingham.

4. Water Lane – two puzzling paintings

5. Potatoes – and other WI matters

Newspaper article of 1931 about an exhibition staged by Effingham's Women's Institute.

6. The Sir Douglas Haig trees

Postcards from various periods showing the growing of the trees outside the Sir Douglas Haig public house in Effingham.



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No1

VIRTUAL MEETING

20 April 2020

Greetings!

Although we are not able to hold our monthly meetings during the ordinary way at this time, we can be together in spirit by sharing a few items of news and research as we normally do.

So imagine that it is now 7.30pm. Chairman Chris Hogger, in his manner which is both diffident and authoritative at the same time, is calling the meeting to order.

Introductions - we can skip these.

Members' reports and queries

Jeremy has sent photos of the wonderful event at the Golf Club, which will be on the ELHG website in the Members' password-access area. Memories of a fantastic evening of music and dancing.

Chris has put up two more detailed sections on the ELHG website, about the Jubilee Celebrations of 1935, and 'Madge's Field', so do have a look and as previously requested, if you have any information or comments, let us know.

Angela and David report that Dorking Museum is looking to put together a team of volunteers to form a working party to look after the fabric of the Museum premises and its fixtures and fittings. You can find out more here ... <https://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/14th-april-2020-we-need-your-diy-skills/>

Also on this page you can see an item about an excellent Coronavirus Survival Kit being offered by local doctors - according to Prof. Richard Selley.

There is stiff competition (sorry) for your Covid diaries and ephemera ... If you have not been plagued enough for these (sorry again) already by ELHG and Dorking Museum, a resident has sent news that they are also wanted by Leatherhead & District Local History Society..

AGM: We do not yet know how we will handle this, but at the current time it seems unlikely we will be meeting.

Sue Morris Hon Secretary



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
will take place on

MONDAY 12 May 2020

Virtual Meeting No. 2

ELHG's meetings were suspended from April 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic and replaced by the issuing of 'virtual meeting' newsletters. The main topics of issue No. 2 are listed below.

- 1. Leatherhead, Guildford and Surbiton Railway – Leatherhead Branch**
Newspaper article of 1884 bearing this title and describing the new route from Effingham to Leatherhead via Bookham.
- 2. Watering the Streets**
An account of the former practice of watering unmetalled road surfaces to suppress the dust.
- 3. Dorking Joint Isolation Hospital**
Note regarding the above by Effingham Parish Council in 1895.
- 4. Death of Charles Lambert**
Newspaper article of 1910 concerning the death of Charles Edward Lambert, wealthy tobacco magnate and tenant of Effingham House.
- 5. A Hundred Years of Continuity**
An account of issues topical today that were also so a hundred years ago – for example, traffic hazards, parking problems, litter, clock maintenance ...
- 6. Miss Percival the Dressmaker**
Account of the two Percival sisters – one of whom, Caroline, was a dressmaker – who in the 1870s lived in The Street at the property variously known as "Owlscoth" or "Perceval [sic] Cottage".



No2**VIRTUAL MEETING****12 May 2020**

1884 was the year that naive Jimmy Drew died on Effingham Common, perhaps from snake bite but perhaps from drink (Bulletin 12), so perhaps he was not fussed by outcrop water!!!

The Surrey Advertiser and County Times
Saturday 31 May 1884

LEATHERHEAD.
GUILDFORD AND SURBITON RAILWAY.—
LEATHERHEAD BRANCH.



By the further extension of the line of the railway, as well as for the extension of the new line extending from Guildford to East Hamley, some particulars of which we described last week, we see this week enabled to record a few facts respecting the Leatherhead branch, which will run into the new line at Effingham, and which is a distance of about four miles from Leatherhead, where, at the present terminus, it will join the Epsom and Leatherhead.

Continuing the route towards Effingham, for a distance of three quarters of a mile, the work is of a very light character, and the ground is now being formed to receive the permanent way. Two hundred yards from Effingham Junction, a line known as Black's Lane, leading from Effingham Common to Bookham Common, has been excavated and lowered to pass under the iron girder bridge, with which it is spanned. A temporary junction has been formed with the number two section of the Guildford and Surbiton Railway, and which greatly facilitates the conveyance of materials direct from Guildford. The operations, though not commenced until last October, are, as a whole, in a very forward state, and it is expected that with continued fine weather they will be completed by next autumn. There are employed on the branch close upon 500 workmen, three locomotives, six portable engines, one steam saw, and twenty-five horses, and it is gratifying to add that notwithstanding this huge machinery is daily operating, not a single fatal accident has yet happened. It is also worthy of mention (and very commendable in the contractors) that from the first, efforts have been made to promote temperance among the strong and stalwart workmen, for whose conveyance the contractors have, near to the tunnel above referred to, erected a large and commodious drinking hut, which has been kindly furnished by Mrs. Chrysis, of Great Bookham, under whose supervision it is managed and conducted on strictly temperance principles, and in, we believe, very much appreciated by the men. Besides a well-furnished sitting room, there are large dormitories, for the accommodation of about 50 persons. Within a stone's throw of this place the same lady has erected a coffee bar, where a variety of non-intoxicating drinks of the best description can be procured on very moderate terms. By these combined efforts, the contractors and Mrs. Chrysis, it is not too much to say, are doing a public service, which deserves to be appreciated. We may also mention that the contractors provide oatmeal water for the men, boys being employed to mix and carry it round to them during the time they are at work.

After the war the west side of the Common was still cultivated for several years. Each spring a small flock of lapwings nested there and their mournful "pew-wit" calls could be heard across the field. They nested on the ground, in the furrows between the young growing corn.

If you approached the nest the adult birds pretended to be injured to lure you away from the area. They need not have worried – we hardly ever found a nest – they were so well camouflaged. When the farming stopped they never returned.

Banner Image



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
will take place on

MONDAY 8 June 2020

Virtual Meeting No. 3

ELHG's meetings were suspended from April 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic and replaced by the issuing of 'virtual meeting' newsletters. The main topics of issue No. 3 are listed below.

1. **Constance née Hutton, Lady Archibald McIndoe** *by Sue Morris*
Account of the life of Constance Hutton whose parents lived at South Lodge. After several marriages she became the wife of the distinguished plastic surgeon Archibald McIndoe.
2. **A new William Richards postcard** *by Jeremy Palmer*
A new early 20thC postcard showing the Manor House in Little Bookham.
3. **A History of Dorking and the Neighbouring Parishes** *by Bryan Sherwood*
An account of this work by J. S. Bright published in 1884.
4. **Aaron Smith** *by Sue Morris*
Traveller families in Effingham and, in particular, the life of one such – Aaron Smith, who was baptised at St Lawrence Church on 22 February 1860.
5. **Celebrities on Effingham Common** *by Martin Smith*
The homes of celebrities who lived on the Common at various times have been picked out by Martin on an aerial map, to striking effect.
6. **Another Scarff postcard** *by Jeremy and Kay Palmer*
Describing a postcard on which the mother Margaret of Effingham soldier William James Scarff, then away from home on active service during WW1, wrote to her daughter Eva.



No3 **VIRTUAL MEETING** **8 June 2020**

Constance née Hutton, Lady Archibald McIndoe

Sue Morris

ELHG member Alanna Wilson lived in Effingham during her youth and has helped us with much useful information about events from the 1920s onwards, when her maternal grandfather Sidney A. Williamson (SAW) first settled here. This article is connected with the early history of the two somewhat isolated houses on the south side of Guildford Road, South Lodge and Warrens Way.

Alanna described how these came to be built ...

At about this time [ie in the 1920s] SAW bought the land where South Lodge and Warrens Way are now.... He felt sorry for an architect who was having a bad time during the Depression and asked him to design both South Lodge and Warrens Way, and also the houses known as Long Meadow and Cornham House, but then the Dorney House (and part of the Golf Club) and Coozemans when we lived there during the late 1930s and early 1940s with my grandparents.

SAW found it difficult to sell the houses the architect, name unknown, designed for him ...

From 1927 to 1933 Alanna's parents had been living at Rammore, ie the house of that name on Beech Avenue, which Sidney had given to his daughter Edith, Alanna's mother. They



Alanna Wilson Bulletin 13 p10



Warrens Way on Guildford Road (A246), from George Street View. South Lodge is to neighbour immediately to the west.

Banner Image

Effingham Junction finally had its own station first opened by the London & South West Railway Company (LSWR) on 2 July 1888. It was state of the art for its time. Both waiting rooms were heated by open coal fires, attended by the porters.

It was said that it was also one of the first stations on the line to have gas lighting as can be seen in this old photograph taken some 20 years after it first opened.



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
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MONDAY 13 July 2020

Virtual Meeting No. 4

ELHG's meetings were suspended from April 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic and replaced by the issuing of 'virtual meeting' newsletters. The main topics of issue No. 4 are listed below.

1. **Another William Richards postcard** *by Sue Morris*
A new early 20thC postcard showing children in procession on Empire Day in East Horsley.
2. **The Lost Stringer Window** *by Bryan Sherwood*
An account of the windows installed and subsequently lost at St Lawrence Church.
3. **Another Effingham Horse** *by Sue Morris*
Concerning Effingham resident John Carpenter's horse which had apparently been sent out to the 1899 Boer War and then returned to Effingham with a bullet hole through its nostril.
4. **Sergeant of Marines, Edward Freeman of Effingham** *by Bryan Sherwood*
A study of the Will of the 18thC Sergeant of Marines Edward Freeman and of his voyaging to and from the East Indies.



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Effingham Junction Station - ABC Railway Guide

Nº4

VIRTUAL MEETING

13 July 2020

Another William Richards postcard

Sue Morris

William Richards came to Effingham in about 1894 and remained here until the 1920s when he retired and moved away. During that time he ran the village bakery and grocery store on The Street, in the premises which is now the residential property Westmead. As well as this he took photographs of Effingham which he converted into postcards for sale in the shop (and perhaps elsewhere).

In recent times more have become available on ebay which is regularly patrolled for us by Jeremy Palmer, including the one described below. It has become clear that 'Richards' postcards covered more than just Effingham. One showing the Manor House, Little Bookham appeared in last month's newsletter. The following



Empire Day, East Horsley.

Banner Image

Effingham Junction may have been one of the first stations on the line to have gas lighting but it was not electrified by the Southern Railway until 1923, making it one of the last to be covered. Today the waiting rooms, coal fires and porters are long gone.

The rows of lights all along both platforms, the electronic indicator boards, the new Booking Office and the car park now probably make it the most illuminated location in Effingham.



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
will take place on

MONDAY 10 August 2020

Virtual Meeting No. 5

ELHG's meetings were suspended from April 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic and replaced by the issuing of 'virtual meeting' newsletters. The main topics of issue No. 5 are listed below.

1. **Effingham's Wild Flowers** *by Bryan Sherwood*
Describing Bryan's role in a botanical digitising project, supported by the Linnean Society, and relating the project to wild flower specimens found in the past in Effingham.
2. **Having Your Hair Cut at Church Cottages** *by members collectively*
An account of Herbert Arthur Payne's work as an Effingham hairdresser at Church Cottages.
3. **Effingham's First Member of the R.A.F.** *by Bryan Sherwood*
Arthur Chegwyn, baptised in Effingham in January 1889, was conscripted into the Royal Naval Air Service in 1916 and probably worked mostly on repairing Sopwith Camel aircraft.
4. **A Seven Months' Ministry** *by Bryan Sherwood and Jeremy Palmer*
Rev. Ernest William Henry Hartley Parker became Vicar of St Lawrence Church in May 1931 but died just after Christmas that year, following a spell in hospital. His wife Christine Mary, aged only 51, died quite soon afterwards in late June 1932.



Cutting the verge on the common. Photo © Tamsin PRL



Nº5
VIRTUAL MEETING
10 August 2020

Effingham's Wild Flowers

Common longloze
(Digitalis purpurea)
Effingham Just Station
Collection: Prof Walter Stiles



Not in oak woods but the common longloze can still be found flowering regularly in Clump Rough

Bryan Sherwood

As a child one of the occupations to help fill long Summer school holiday days was collecting and pressing flowers. Posh kids had 'Flower Presses' but most of us made do with blotting paper, newspaper and a pile of books. Having laid out your 'specimen' between the blotting paper, buttercup, daisy, sweet pea etc. you then piled heavy weights on it and put it somewhere safe – under the bed or on top of a cupboard – and left it for an inordinate length of time to dry out. You then artistically arranged the now limp and colourless specimen on a piece of paper. Having secured it with large quantities of clear sticky tape you then filed it safely in a drawer and forgot all about it.

What you did not know was that for hundreds of years grown men – and they were mostly men – had been doing the same thing, in the name of science. Some of these collectors specialised in particular locations or species whilst for others it became a numbers game. Just how many different plants could you collect?

Over time these specimens became more valuable and the private collections were sold or bequeathed to societies and museums becoming of immense practical use and of fundamental importance to science. These collections or 'Herbaria' help to determine how one species differs from another, or whether a specimen represents a species new to science. They act as a source of information, to determine: what the plants look like; where they are found; what environmental

Banner Image

As can be seen in this picture the roadside verges along the common were still cut by hand up until after WW II. They were left during the summer and as a result they were species rich both in terms of plants but also in the invertebrates that relied on them.

In the same way most ditches were cleared and hedges were laid by hand, causing minimal disruption to the wildlife.



No meetings were held in September or October 2020



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
will take place on

MONDAY 16 November 2020

Virtual Meeting No. 6

ELHG's meetings were suspended from April 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic and replaced by the issuing of 'virtual meeting' newsletters. The main topics of issue No. 6 are listed below.

1. **Surrey County Council, County Hall** *by Bryan Sherwood*
County Hall's arms of Lord Lovelace, former owner of land in Effingham and Horsley.
2. **A Donation Following Fire** *by Sue Morris*
An Effingham man raised a collection in 1659 on behalf of those who had suffered losses from a fire that had occurred in London.
3. **Working Woodcutters** *by Bryan Sherwood*
Effingham woodcutters in early 20thC Effingham.
4. **Conspiracy Theory 'Disproven' – the D Day Crosswords** *by Sue Morris*
Suggestions that supposed newspaper articles about the D Day Crosswords fiasco had not been genuine have been refuted by Sue seeing the relevant full newspaper broadsheets.
5. **Lieut.-Colonel Sir Adelbert Cecil Talbot, K.C.I.E.** *by Bryan Sherwood*
The life of Adelbert Talbot who lived in Effingham at The Hermitage, High Barn Road.
6. **Two New Postcards** *by Jeremy Palmer, Sue Morris and Chris Hogger*
Studies of two early postcards, one showing the Duke of Wellington in East Horsley and the other showing Indian Farm on Effingham Common.



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Counting the verges on the Common with a tractor and flail



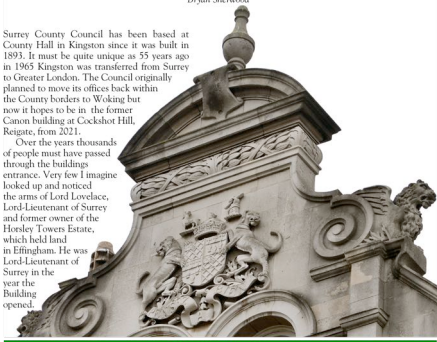
No6 **VIRTUAL MEETING** **16 November 2020**

Surrey County Council, County Hall

Bryan Sherwood

Surrey County Council has been based at County Hall in Kingston since it was built in 1891. It must be quite unique as 55 years ago in 1965 Kingston was transferred from Surrey to Greater London. The Council originally planned to move its offices back within the County borders to Woking but now it hopes to be in the former Canon building at Cockshot Hill, Reigate, from 2021.

Over the years thousands of people must have passed through the building's entrance. Very few I imagine looked up and noticed the arms of Lord Lovelace, Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey and former owner of the Horsley Towers Estate, which held land in Effingham. He was Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey in the year the Building opened.



Banner image

Today the roadside verges and trees along the Common are cut using a tractor and flail. Flailing of hedges is an especially destructive part of modern hedgerow management. Over management of hedgerows is one of the biggest problems facing species that live in this habitat type.

The practice of annual cutting using a mechanical flail creates a uniform and species-poor hedgerow that is of little value to wildlife. In the same way, tree clippers are cleaned by machine, creating disruption to the flora and wildlife inhabiting them.



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
will take place on

MONDAY 14 December 2020 at 7.30pm : by Zoom

Virtual Meeting No. 7

ELHG's physical meetings had been suspended since April 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic and replaced by the issuing of 'virtual meeting' newsletters. In December 2020 the Group 'met' online using Zoom. The newsletter No. 7 had already been circulated on 8 December with these contents:

1. Season's Greetings

Christmas card sent out by the staff of Effingham Junction Station in 1939.

2. Edward Henry Lloyd's Incredible Story *by Bryan Sherwood*

This man was employed at Effingham Junction Station for some years in the 1930s. He had served earlier in WW1 and been reported missing, presumed dead – but this was not so.

3. The Spenselys at Outdowns Lodge *by Sue Morris*

The family of gamekeeper James Naylor Spensely, at Outdowns Lodge in the early 20thC.

4. Community of the Sacred Passion comes to Effingham *by Bryan Sherwood*

Account of the use by the Sisters of Effingham's Red House as a convent.

5. Homeless Persons in Effingham, 1911 *by Sue Morris*

Effingham's homeless in 1911 were recorded by police for the Census.

6. The Christmas Crossword *by Sue Morris*

Presenting one of the five Telegraph crosswords that had raised the interest of MI5 in 1944.



The Zoom meeting took the form of a Christmas Quiz, focusing on two topics:

1. "Where is this doorway?"

(the Orchard Walls doorway in Beech Avenue)

2. "What do three photographs have in common?"

(front door curtains in Effingham dwellings)