



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

MONDAY 11 January 2021 at 7.30pm : by Zoom

Virtual Meeting No. 8

ELHG's physical meetings had been suspended since April 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic and replaced by the issuing of 'virtual meeting' newsletters. On 11 January 2021 the Group 'met' online using Zoom and the newsletter No. 8 had also been circulated with these contents:

1. **The Viscount Montagu of Effingham** *by Bryan Sherwood*
The first Viscount Montagu, Sir Anthony Browne, was gifted Effingham East Court in 1547 just before his death by King Edward VI.
2. **A Long Summer Walk** *by Sue Morris*
Edward Whymper and some fellow climbers made the first ascent of the Matterhorn in 1865. Seven years previously, in 1858, he had undertaken a long summer walk in Surrey, passing through Effingham.
3. **Sale at Dorking Market 1868** *by Sue Morris and Bryan Sherwood*
A sale in 1868 of four heifers that had been found straying on Effingham's Warren Farm.
4. **Effingham and 'the blackout'** *by Sue Morris*
An extensive account of the matter of lighting in Effingham, from 1895 up to the 1970s.



A Southern Railway train arriving from London

Nº8 **VIRTUAL MEETING** **11 January 2021**

The Viscount Montagu of Effingham

Bryan Sherwood



Part of the ruins of Betchworth Castle

Today Betchworth Castle (Betchworth Castle), is little more than a romantic ruin, on private property. Little is left of the building granted in 1373 to Richard FitzAlan, 3rd Earl of Arundel. The Earls of Arundel were related to Hugh I, Lord le Despenser and Henry Plantagenet, 3rd Earl of Lancaster, among others through marriage. It was Richard's son Sir John FitzAlan, Earl Marshall of England, who turned Betchworth into a stone castle in 1379.

Banner Image

A Class 455R electric multiple unit (EMU), of self-propelled coaches serving at Effingham Junction from London. One of 46 Southern units built between 1962/1966, now used by Southern Railway, who also provide some extra peak period services.

The station at Effingham is managed and primarily served by South Western Railway who use 43, however Class 457 units halt in 1984/85, on the Woking - Southampton - Guildford service.

The Zoom meeting presented the following talks:

1. **Historic Doors around Effingham** *by Martin Smith and Sue Morris*
2. **More on the 'Orchard Walls' doorway in Beech Avenue and the Effingham House doorway on Guildford Road** *by Sue Morris*
3. **'Colourisation' of historic photographs** *by Anne Vallis and Sue Morris*



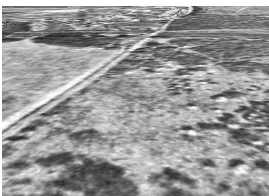
The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
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MONDAY 8 February 2021 at 7.30pm : by Zoom

Virtual Meeting No. 9

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1. **The Lady Gatekeepers of Effingham – Part 1** *by Sue Morris et al*
Focusing mainly upon the gatekeepers at Effingham Lodge at the corner of Dirtham Lane with the Guildford Road and, in particular, Jane Elizabeth (née Menchenton) Taylor, later Dyble.
2. **Henry Malthus Vicar of Effingham** *by Bryan Sherwood*
The life of Henry Mathus, Vicar at St Lawrence Church from 1835 until 1882.
3. **Queen Victoria Eugenie Julia Ena in Effingham** *by Jeremy Palmer*
While staying sometimes at Polesden Lacey in the 1920s and 1930s, this grand-daughter of Queen Victoria visited Effingham on occasion to attend mass at the Catholic Church.
4. **William Cager an Early Nonconformist** *by Bryan Sherwood*
William and his wife were Baptist nonconformists and settled in Effingham in the late 18thC.



Any north view of the Commons taken in 1948

No9 **NEWSLETTER** **8 February 2021**

The Lady Gatekeepers of Effingham – Part 1

Compiled from contributions by Robin Gray, Chris Hogger, Sue Morris



Effingham Lodge today

Banner image

After the war the west side of North Common continued to be used for agriculture, for some years.
The east side of the road was then largely open common, with isolated trees and scrub. The grass was kept short by being grazed by a large rabbit population.

The north end triangle between Banks Lane and the station was partly wooded and used for parking the few cars left by people commuting for work.
A major feature was a group of five oak trees at the southern end, on the common, near Slatters Oak, bottom left.

The Zoom meeting presented the following talks:

1. **The Hut Hotel, Wisley** *by Martin Smith*
2. **Folksongs – their history and connections to our area** *by Joanna Eaton*



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

MONDAY 8 March 2021 at 7.30pm : by Zoom

Virtual Meeting No. 10

ELHG's physical meetings had been suspended since April 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic. On 8 March 2021 the Group 'met' online using Zoom; there was no associated newsletter on this occasion. The Zoom meeting had two presentations:

1. **The Disappeared : Glimpses of Buildings Now Demolished** *by Sue Morris*
Focusing on the Plough Cottages and Ball's Driving and Riding Establishment and Stables.
2. **Another Door** *by Sue Morris*
Study of the front door of Crosslands and comparison with the front door of Browns.



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

MONDAY 12 April 2021 at 7.30pm : by Zoom

Virtual Meeting No. 11

ELHG's physical meetings had been suspended since April 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic. On 12 April 2021 the Group 'met' online using Zoom; there was no associated newsletter on this occasion. The Zoom meeting had three presentations:

1. **Earliest Postcards Known** *by Sue Morris*
Postcards of Effingham from the first decade of the 20thC.
2. **Water Levels in Effingham** *by Martin Smith*
Presenting a document from 1876 about the local water levels.
3. **William Garrow and Effingham** *by Sue Morris*
An 18thC legal case in which the great William Garrow tackled whether a girl born in Effingham was or was not legitimate.



ELHG's physical meetings had been suspended since April 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic and replaced by the issuing of 'virtual meeting' newsletters. From December the Group also 'met' online using Zoom.

No meeting of any kind was held in May 2021. However, a newsletter No. 10 dated 10 May was circulated with these contents:

1. **The Coleman Brothers – Yeomen of Manor Farm** *by Bryan Sherwood*
The Coleman family appears in Effingham sources in the 1830s. By 1839 they were living at the Manor Farm (today's Browns).
2. **Lady Gatekeepers of Effingham – Part II** *by Sue Morris and Chris Hogger*
This second part of the gatekeepers study focuses on Tollgate Cottage on the Guildford Road and, especially, on its occupant "Old Alice Tyrrell" (Alice Sarah née Maskell).
3. **Inkerman Tyrrell** *by Sue Morris*
The life and family structure of Inkerman Tyrrell who lived for some years at Rowbarns Lodge in East Horsley but later, and briefly, at Tollgate Cottage on the Guildford Road in Effingham.



An aerial view of the Common as it is today

No10 **NEWSLETTER** **10 May 2021**

The Coleman Brothers – Yeomen of Manor Farm

Bryan Sherwood



View of north facade of Manor Farm, now called Brown's believed to be c.1913

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The west side of North Common is no longer used for agriculture and the dera and farms have changed.
The east side of the road has over the last fifty or so years been neglected and as a result is now totally scrubbed up and much wetter.
The large rabbit population which grazed the then open land was seriously affected by the myxomatosis outbreak in the 1950s and this is now still widespread both in wild and domestic rabbits in the UK.
There is now a car park at the station where the former Railway Cottages were situated and the triangle between Pinks Lane and the station has also become wooded and is no longer used for parking.



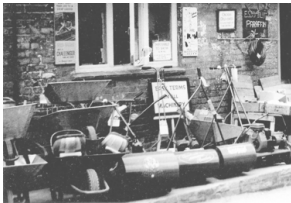
The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
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MONDAY 14 June 2021 at 7.30pm : by Zoom

Virtual Meeting No. 12

ELHG's physical meetings had been suspended since April 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic and replaced by the issuing of 'virtual meeting' newsletters. On 14 June 2021 the Group 'met' online using Zoom and the newsletter No. 11 had also been circulated with these contents:

1. **Victuallers and Schoolmaster : The Bradford Family of 18thC Effingham** *by Sue Morris*
A detailed study of the Bradford family in Effingham through several generations.
2. **Standard Hill Tumulus** *by Bryan Sherwood*
The former barrow on Standard Hill, removed by the laying-out of the golf course.
3. **Effingham's Earliest Postcards – a New Discovery** *by Sue Morris*
Analysis of a postcard franked in 1902, showing the Prince Blücher public house.



Children's Equipment and toys outside The Old Forge

№11 **NEWSLETTER** **14 June 2021**

Victuallers and Schoolmaster

The Bradford family of 18th century Effingham
Sue Morris

The crossroads on the A246 is one of the major landmarks in Effingham, starting point of choice if trying to direct someone almost anywhere. Sitting at this key intersection is the residential property now called Crosslands. Although now much altered, it is historic. Parts of it have been dated back to 1380, the oldest surviving 'fabric' known for a village building.

Pre-1903 it was a busy inn – a combination of a pub and hotel. It was ideally placed to serve travellers on the main route from Guildford to Leatherhead, Epsom and London as well as locals. As described elsewhere (*Roundabout*, Spring 2020) the inn fulfilled many more functions than just a place for locals to drink. It was the venue for all sorts of local business and social meetings.

The mystery

In the 18th century, high up on the south front of the inn, three sets of initials were cut into the brickwork: **HB 1775 EB 1775 IB 1775**. In 1775 the innkeeper was Henry Bradford – presumably HB – but who were the others? This article is an attempt to gather what is currently known about the Bradford family of that period. They would have been significant tradespeople in Effingham. To begin, it is helpful to understand a bit about the inn.

The name of the inn

The earliest of all still in the records was Crochers or Crouchers. O'Connor writes 'the original name "Crochers" is probably derived from Gilbert Aze Cruch, whose name appears in the 1332 Lay Subsidy.'

During the eighteenth century, seemingly the inn had a variety of names being used concurrently:

The Horse & Groom – one single use known, in Cary's Survey of the High Roads of London of 1790.

The Queen's Arms – in documents as far apart as 1730 and 1796. Which queen? Elizabeth came to the throne in 1558, and Anne in 1702.



Cary's Survey, showing The Horse & Groom

Banner Image

The Old Forge was originally a Blacksmith. The Surrey History Centre has a record of a Blacksmith Thomas Haynes in Effingham as early as 1776. Where the current shop/office building stands used to be a public house called The Blacksmiths Arms.

The Blacksmiths became the Mill Surrey Garden Centre and the pub was knocked down in the 1960s. The business became Surrey Power Machines and later went on to be called Multitower Ltd. This was sold in 1999 and the name was again changed to MPS which it is today.

The Zoom meeting presented the following talks:

1. **Effingham Women's Institute : records held at the Surrey History Centre – Part I**
by Chris Hogger
2. **Cycling in Surrey** *by Jeremy and Kay Palmer*
How the 'first' cycling craze hit Surrey and how Effingham responded.



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

MONDAY 12 July 2021 at 7.30pm : by Zoom

Virtual Meeting No. 13

ELHG's physical meetings had been suspended since April 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic and replaced by the issuing of 'virtual meeting' newsletters. On 12 July 2021 the Group 'met' online using Zoom and the newsletter No. 12 had also been circulated with these contents:

1. **Is Slen also Scan?** *by Sue Morris*
An investigation of Effingham's nomadic or homeless people and their nicknames.
2. **Orchards on the Common** *by Bryan Sherwood*
A study of the orchards on Effingham Common, particularly in the 19thC.
3. **Why 'Strathcona'** *by Sue Morris*
Analysis of the origins of the Effingham road name Strathcona Avenue.
4. **Jessica and Tony Page** *by Sue Morris*
Remembering former ELHG members Jessica and Tony Page, and a wartime photograph of Jessica and her brother Jeremy as children.

The Zoom meeting presented the following talks:

1. **A 'Boys' Club'** *by Sue Morris*
Analysing a photograph of a visit of boys to the seaside with Miss Ross, early 1920s.
2. **1932 Postcard of Effingham Golf Club** *by Jeremy Palmer*
This card, sent by a visiting American, yields a surprising amount of information.
3. **Mad Englishmen and Dogs** *by Chris Hogger*
An incident in which an Effingham gamekeeper Arthur John Biles shot two dogs while he was mentally disturbed, in 1916.



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No12 NEWSLETTER 14 July 2021

Is Slen also Scan?

Sue Morris

In earlier presentations, Bulletin and/or Newsletters we have occasionally touched on the lives of some of the poorer or nomadic or homeless people glimpsed in their passage through Effingham's history.



Born on Warren Farm in 1912 and various sheds in the background (see Article 7)

Banner Image

There has been a number of changes to the site since the 1950s. In the 1960s the gate and replaced by an office building, which formed part of the original Home Farm buildings. Home Farm buildings were on to become called Millhouse Lane.

which was owned and run by Leonard and Teresa Warren. Finally the business was sold to the Bellhouse family in 1985 and the name was changed to MFL - Mill Farm Garden Centre - and is still in business today.



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

SATURDAY 28 August 2021 (after the AGM)

at

The Barnes Wallis Hall, KGV, Browns Lane, Effingham

ELHG's physical meetings had been suspended since April 2020 owing to the Covid pandemic and replaced by the issuing of 'virtual meeting' newsletters and the holding of online Zoom meetings.

After nearly a year and a half of such arrangements it was decided to resume normal face-to-face meetings with effect from August 2021, starting with the AGM and the ordinary meeting to follow it, the planned contents of which were as follows:

1. **The Old Village Hall** *Chris Hogger and Sue Morris*
A presentation about how the building which is now Colets started out as an isolation hospital in Effingham.
2. **'The First British Osteopathic Hospital' Effingham** *Sue Morris*
Sue will talk about the 'Osteopathic Hospital' founded at Dunley Hill in 1932.
(*This talk was postponed and given instead at the September meeting.*)



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

MONDAY 20 September 2021 at 7.30

at

The Village Room, KGV, Browns Lane, 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. Past and Present - *Martin Smith*

Martin has made some modern photographs comparing postcards from the 1920s with the modern equivalents; also a historic photograph from Old Lane, Effingham Junction.

4. New acquisitions

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

INTERVAL

5. Sunhaven: the First British Osteopathic Hospital *Sue Morris*

At the AGM, Chris Hogger gave a talk about Effingham's isolation hospital. The 'Osteopathic Hospital' at Dunley Hill was also on the Agenda but had to be held over until now.

6. Date and venue of Next Meeting/s, all at The Village Room, KGV

All Mondays: Monday 20 September, 11 October, 8 November, 13 December.
After this the current plan is that we will revert to Zoom until April 2022.



Also at Dunley Hill ... *Shepherd's Cottage*, painted by Alfred John Harris
(1835-1916), coll. Dorking Museum



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5. Images of Ranmore Sue Morris

Dunley Hill is also the location of *Shepherd's Cottage*, a charming 19th century painting in the collection of Dorking Museum. Also by the same artist is *Ranmore Common*, a scene of a location we will all be familiar with, but owing to how it has changed perhaps wouldn't have realised was a Common. Mark Eller has scoured various types of mapping to identify the probable location of the cottage, and some old postcards will also reveal how and why this southern area of the parish had such great appeal in the past.

6. Date and venue of Next Meeting/s, all at The Village Room, KGV

All Mondays: 8 November, 13 December.

After this the current plan is that we will revert to Zoom until April 2022.



Lady Audrey Waterhouse
of Norwood Farm,
from *The Sketch*, 1922

Jeremy Palmer's new page
on the Waterhouses is now
live on the ELHG website



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MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2021 at 7.30

at

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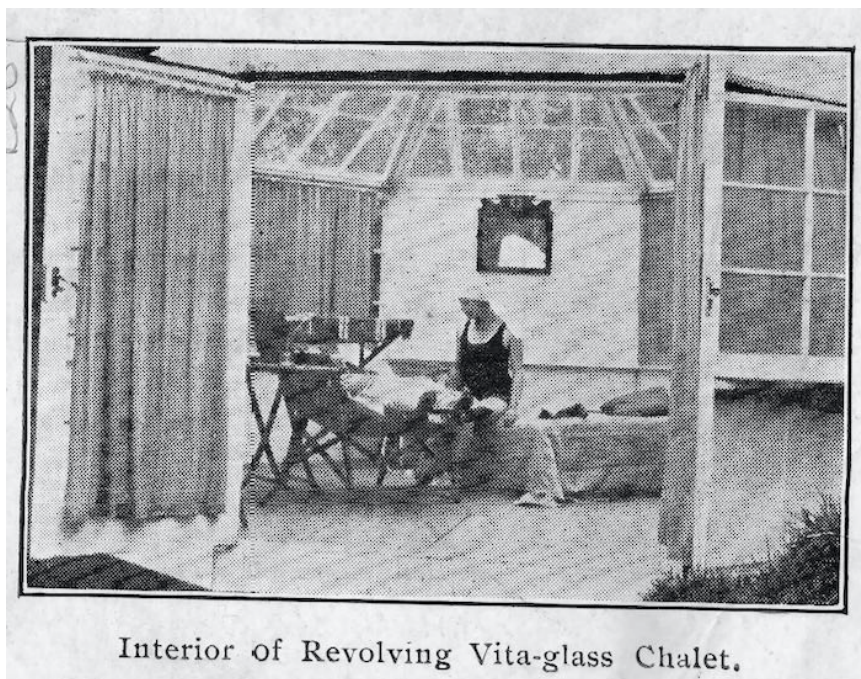
INTERVAL

5. Escape and Evasion Anne Vallis

Anne's family has preserved several fascinating artefacts from both World Wars. In the past she has for instance shown us and talked about a card sent out at Easter 1916 to every serving soldier to give them strength and comfort - many of our relatives would have posted or received them. Her presentation this time is about something a bit rarer, dating back to World War II.

6. Date and venue of Next Meeting/s, all at The Village Room, KGV

Monday 13 December. After this we will revert to Zoom until April 2022.



The 'Revolving Vita-glass Chalet' installed at Sunhaven by Dr Atherton in the 1930s.



No meeting was held in December 2021. Such a meeting had been planned and was to include a Christmas Quiz based upon a set of puzzles in an Advent Calendar, devised by Chris.

However, the meeting was cancelled owing to several members being ill, some from Covid.