



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

MONDAY 9 January 2023 at 7.30

at

The Village Room, KGV, Browns Lane, Effingham

1. Introductions (if required)

2. Members' reports and queries

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3. Photographs for history *Sue Morris*

In past meetings we have looked at the topic of historic photographs generally: not only what they convey, but how modern treatments such as 'colourisation' or adding movement affect both us as viewers and the images themselves as sources. This session will include some photos supplied by Anne Vallis and some from ELHG archives.

INTERVAL & REFRESHMENTS

4. Texting in 1825 *Mark Eller*

Coverage of world events today is so extensive that we frequently hear and even see world events as they happen, in 'real time'. But 200 years ago, how did news from beyond these shores reach residents of Effingham, and how long did it take to arrive? Interestingly, the village lies close to the most up-to-date news channel of that time.

5. Date and venue of next meeting/s

13 February, 13 March both at The Village Room, KGV;
17 April, 15 May (AGM), venues to be confirmed.



Testing football
helmets, 1912



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3. How old are the beeches of Beech Ave? *Cynthia Watson, Mark Eller, Sue Morris*

In past meetings we have looked at the history of the route of Beech Avenue, and wondered whether the trees were planted as an avenue or 'just grew'. Cynthia, Mark and Sue recently inspected the largest beeches to have survived the hurricane in order to attempt dating them.

INTERVAL & REFRESHMENTS

4. The Two Ronnies as two tramps, in Effingham

Cynthia Watson, Mark Eller, Sue Morris

Richard Selley and Eddie Crouch were sure that the 'two tramps' sketches presented by Ronnie Corbett and Ronnie Barker were filmed in a field entrance on High Barn Road. Could this be true? We went to find out ...

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Ronnie Barker as a
tramp - but where?



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3. A Brooklands Evening *Jeremy Palmer*

Jeremy will introduce the film *Brooklands - The Birthplace of British Motorsport* (50 mins approx) which includes much footage of the construction of the circuit at Brooklands and motor racing there up to the outbreak of WW2. The idea is to provide a brief history of the circuit and a taste of what it was like to be a spectator at the motor races, as a prelude to the talk about an Effingham resident after the break.

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4. From Hebeler to Hunt, via the Man on the Clapham Omnibus: The Life of Roland Stuart Scott Hebeler *Jeremy Palmer*

The Brooklands racing driver Roland Hebeler lived in Horsley and Effingham from just before WW2. This talk will encompass his racing career, his involvement in one of the worst accidents on the track and its significant aftermath, as well as taking brief diversions into the lives of a few of the extraordinary people he encountered, and other members of the Hebeler family.



"MG C type of FM Montgomery and R Hebeler at the JCC Double Twelve race, Brooklands, 8 / 9 May 1931"



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
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MONDAY 17 April 2023 at 7.30

at

The Methodist Church, The Street, Effingham

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3. *Briglin Pottery Revisited* Martin Smith

Briglin operated from 1948-90. It was a lively, ambitious and fashionable studio pottery with premises in central London and celebrities among the clients and connections. A lot of the pots were glazed and fired at a kiln on Effingham Common, where some of the potters lived. Martin will revisit this topic with images - some newly obtained - and an entertaining video clip, introducing the pots, the people and the premises.

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4. *Why was Britain's former 'Minister Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary' to Chile buried in St Lawrence churchyard?* Sue Morris

Sir Audley Charles Gosling KCMG 1836-1913 was a distinguished career diplomat who had served in Copenhagen, Madrid, St Petersburg, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Chile. He had never lived in Effingham, and he didn't die here. So why ... ?

5. Date and venue of next meeting/s

15 May (AGM), venue to be confirmed.

Charles Sir Audley Gosling K.C.M.G. No. 844.	2 South Parade Southsea —	December 11 th	77	E. F. Bayley Vicar
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The St Lawrence Church burial record for Sir Audley Gosling, who died at Southsea in 1913



A meeting had been scheduled for May 2023 but was cancelled.



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
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MONDAY 12 June 2023 at 7.30

at

The Methodist Church, The Street, Effingham

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3. Where shall we put the golf course? Sue Morris

We have looked previously at a leaflet produced by Effingham Estates Ltd in 1924, promoting the proposed new golf course on the site where it is today. But information has recently come to light showing that in 1922, it was intended that the golf course would be in a totally different part of the parish.

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4. '- reputed to be the oldest house in the village' Sue Morris

In 1949, Effingham WI produced an illustrated scrapbook including the above description of the then Post Office. It was demolished soon afterwards. Why it was believed to be so ancient was unclear, but it turns out it was indeed very old. This also helps explain a delightful but confusing 18th century plan we puzzled over at some length in the meeting of January 2022.

5. Date and venue of next meeting/s

10 July (AGM), venue Methodist Church



Whoever drew the c18th plan illustrated the corner with a tree, near the boundary marked 'This abutts North to The Old Orchard aforesd'.



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
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MONDAY 10 July 2023 at 8.30pm (following the AGM)

at

The Methodist Church, Effingham

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3. George Bogle, merchant and slave owner of Effingham (*Chris Hogger*)

George Bogle lived at Effingham House for a short time at the beginning of the eighteen hundreds. He and two daughters were apparently buried in a vault beneath an impressive monument in Effingham churchyard. Until now little has been known of him, and that little was itself teasingly problematic. Bryan Sherwood and Chris have done painstaking research into a mountain of sources to come up with the narrative as it is now revealed.

4. Date and venue of next meeting, at The Methodist Church

7.30 Monday 11 September 2023.



The Bogle tomb in St Lawrence churchyard, currently fenced off because it is unstable.
It is nationally Grade II Listed, no 1029427



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MONDAY 11 September 2023 at 7.30

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3. Supporting the bombers in WW2 *Anne Vallis*

Anne's father James (Jim) Arthur Priestley was one of the ground crew who kept the fighter aircraft flying out of Scampton in WW2. Their role might have been less publicised than the pilots but it was no less essential. Anne will introduce the photographs of her Dad which now appear on the 49th Squadron Association website.

INTERVAL & REFRESHMENTS

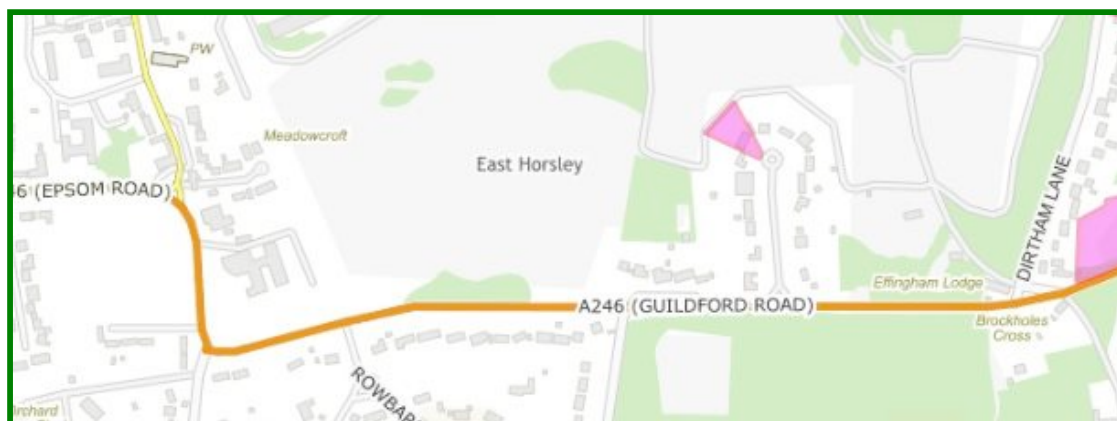
4. Going round the (double) bend: what, why, who? *Mark Eller*

We are doubtless all familiar with the sharp double bend in the road near 'Thatchers', where the A246 passes from Effingham into East Horsley. Mark has combed old maps and other sources to find out about this very prominent feature.

5. Date and venue of next meeting/s

Monday 9 October - Methodist Church

Mondays 13 November & **11 December** - Village Room, KGV



The pronounced double bend near where the A246 enters Effingham.
Did the road always follow this route?



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3. From Effingham to Hollywoodland *Jeremy Palmer*

This presentation looks at the Goff family in Effingham and Bookham, their illustrious background as gardeners in the large houses hereabouts, and then the circumstances that led to the family splintering and emigrating to America. From here we will look at how this led Thomas Fisk Goff to being involved in the design and erection of one of the most famous signs in the world.

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4. The way home *Joanna Eaton and Anne Vallis*

Mapping of all sorts is a topic which absorbs many members. Recently Anne brought along a map printed on silk, designed to help WW2 airmen or others adrift in enemy territory. Joanna will explain more about how these maps actually got to those who needed them.

5. The Duke of Wellington in historic postcards *Sue Morris and Derek Ruffles*

The collection of historic postcards amassed by Derek Ruffles and Ron Dobbs includes several of *The Duke of Wellington* pub, a few of which were incorporated into Mark Eller's talk at the last meeting. This will be a chance to see the rest.

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One of the most famous signs in the world



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3. *The Duke of Wellington in historic postcards*

Derek Ruffles, Sue Morris, Mark Chambers

(postponed from last meeting)

The collection of historic postcards amassed by Derek Ruffles and Ron Dobbs includes several of *The Duke of Wellington* pub, a few of which were incorporated into Mark Eller's talk recently. This will be a chance to see the rest, and Mark Chambers has researched some of the vehicles which appear.

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4. *Sunday 7 July 1935 - an Effingham back garden* *Jeremy Palmer*

Jeremy was recently able to purchase some photos of a private social gathering in summer 1935, a rare glimpse into the village at that time. Unpicking what is being shown has been very testing, and these are the first conclusions.

5. *Date and venue of next meeting/s*

Monday 11 December - Village Room, KGV



A detail of one of the postcards



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
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MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023 at 7.30pm
The Village Room, KGV, Effingham

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3. The Christmas Game *All of us*

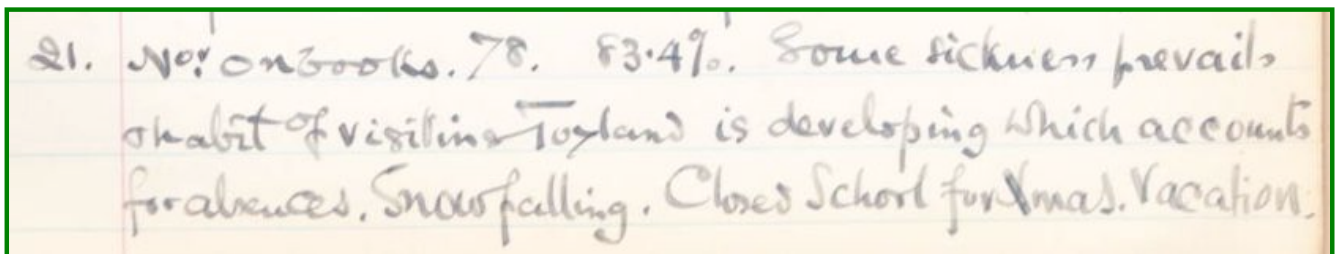
The game is, to design the rules of the fine old Effingham game called 'The Wandering Shilling' familiar to residents of the 1920s. The rules have sadly become lost over time, but clearly must be retrieved. In 1979 Molly Wallis wrote in 'After much argument & discussion it was agreed that we [the WI] should find a home of our own. The usual money-raising efforts began (one of which was called "The Wandering Shilling", which I can't understand but which produced a goodly sum of money.'

INTERVAL

With festive refreshments, slightly more substantial than usual

4. The Christmas Quiz *All of us*

Amongst the hundreds of pictures held in the ELHG Archive are many which are, well, surprising, challenging or downright mystifying. Here be a selection for us to squint at. The best 'answers' win, as always.



A hundred Christmases ago ...

On the last day of term in December 1923,
Mr Stewart Adams, Headmaster of the primary school, wrote
somewhat Scroogily:

'No: on books 78. 83.47%. Some sickness prevails
& habit of visiting Toyland is developing which accounts
for absences. Snow falling. Closed School for Xmas Vacations'.