

Dates for your Diary

Monday 12th March 2.15 for 2.30 start
Justin Burgess

The History of Funeral Directing

Monday 11th June 7.15 for 7.30 start
AGM followed by
Mike Allen
Discovering Essendon

Monday 9th July 2.30 Social Meeting

Monday 10th Sept 7.30 Talk

Monday 10th Dec 2.30 Social Meeting

Meetings are held at Friendship House, Wellfield Close, Hatfield AL10 0BU
Members £1 non members £2



Offices of J.J. Burgess in Batterdale, Old Hatfield before redevelopment.

Frogmore Paper Mill

Monday 21st May 2018

We still have a few places left for our visit to Frogmore Paper Mill the world's oldest mechanised paper mill, birthplace of paper's industrial revolution.

The cost will be between £12-£15 (includes entrance fee, coach talk & tour.) . We pick the coach up at 10a.m. at the William Cecil Memorial Hall arriving at Frogmore Mill approx. 11a.m. for coffee, followed by the talk & tour. Packed lunches can be taken to eat in the café. Shortly after lunch we will head back to Hatfield.



Frogmore Paper Mill www.thepapertrail.org.uk

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 27th AGM will be held on Monday 11th June 2018
At Friendship House, Wellfield Close Hatfield. 7.15 for a 7.30 start.

Agenda

1. Apologise
2. Minutes of the 26th AGM
3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere
4. Chairman's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Election of Auditor
7. Election of committee members
8. Any other business

We are still looking for volunteers to join the Committee

Memories of Hatfield When I Grew Up. Part 1

by Donald James Hyde

This is the first of three instalment of a speech given to the Hatfield Mitre Club Christmas 1990 when Mr Hyde was President of the Hatfield Rotary Club.

“Well the summers were always sunny and hot and we spent nearly all our time in Hatfield Park. The winters were always cold with plenty of snow and we spent most of our time in the Park sledging —Tank Hill, Green Hill and Elephants Dell. That’s what my memory tells me.

I can remember my father telling me that when I was a baby Hatfield suffered a very severe snowstorm and Union Lane (Wellfield Road) was completely blocked and so men tunnelled through the snow from the Gun Public House down towards the workhouse. In fact, he told me, that he took me in my pram through the snow tunnel. True or False?

One summer day when there was a tremendous hail storm, the ground was white with hail with lumps the size of conkers. True or false? Actually I know that this is true because in the Autumn just gone it was referred to in the Herts. Advertiser.

I was born in Batterdale in the house next to Smiths the fish shop and my Mum told me that they used to sweep up the blow flies in a dust pan and the flies were as big and round as a shilling piece (ten pence) True or False? I do know that old Mr Smith the fishmonger used to make ice cream on a Sunday and all the children used to come for it. I know this was true because my brothers and sisters told me so.

Sunday evening walks in the Park after Church—down the Broadwater, past the Old Vine Yard and up to the Bridge and then back round Queen Elizabeth’s Oak and so back to home to eat the cold beef and potatoes left over from Sunday Lunch. Was this really as tasty as my memory tells me?

Harry Taylor’s the barber down the Old Town at the bottom of Church Street. In years gone by apparently this used to be the lock up for law breakers! We used to sit there for what seemed hours waiting for our hair cut. Then when your turn came you got in the chair and Harry put the towel round you only for him to decide that he was thirsty and nipped across the road to the Dray Horse for a pint! Or was it the One Bell?



Lord and Lady Salisbury’s Christmas Parties in the old Public Hall when we all got a penny and an apple afterwards— True or False? I’m sure it is true.

Then when we got a little older going up to the Park to watch Cricket or chat up the girls—whatever it was it was all good fun—especially the Kiss Chase”.

Part 2 to follow in next newsletter