

# HATFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## REPORT ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Attendance was smaller at this year's AGM. Our Chairman, Chris Martindale, reported on another busy year for the Society. Meetings had been well attended with some interesting speakers. We had stalls at the Kaleidoscope Festival and the Heritage Fair. We are involved with the Welwyn Hatfield Heritage Forum, helping to raise the profile of Heritage in the Borough and the Society has also been helping the University of Hertfordshire with the de Havilland Project.

Our evacuee project is still on going. This year a World War 2 day was held at Mill Green Museum, some of our members shared their wartime experiences with school children from Hatfield. Terry Pankhurst's book on the bombing of de Havilland is finished and has been selling well. Future projects may include updating the "Street Names of Hatfield" booklet, looking at the history of the Birchwood area and putting our recordings on to disc. If anyone would like to help please get in touch.

Thanks went to all committee members for their help over the past year. Chris Martindale, Heather Richardson and Jane Teather were re-elected to stand for another term and Reg Coleman was elected to become a full member of the committee. Two committee members have resigned: Joan Cobern who has helped over a number of years, especially with Kaleidoscope and Heritage Open Days, thank you Joan. Frank Cox has also stood down, Frank has been a key member of the committee, being editor of the Newsletter for so many years as well as researching and producing many booklets on Hatfield's history. His knowledge and energy will be difficult to replace. Thank you, Frank, for everything. Also a big thank you went to our editors, for their hard work, and to those who contributed articles and reminiscences, please keep them coming

Heather Richardson, our treasurer, presented the accounts and balance sheet and mentioned a £250 grant from the Town Council for printing the newsletter, which is now being done by STEPS printing. We now have 133 members.

The business part of the meeting was followed by a talk "Housing the Deserving Poor" based on a survey of almshouses in Hertfordshire, given by Kate Thompson. Unfortunately Hatfield appears not to have had any.

Chris Martindale

## When the Bombs Dropped

The Story of the de  
Havilland Factory Bombing

3<sup>rd</sup> October 1940 By

Terry Pankhurst

**Price £4.00**

Available from

## Bishop's Hatfield school 50th Anniversary

Bishop's Hatfield school was founded in 1960, and so will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Saturday 11 September will be the day on which the school will be open for the afternoon from 2.30 to 5.30 pm, when visitors can view the school and hopefully take part in some lessons etc.

The intention is to have a display about the Hatfield of 1960, and it is hoped that some members of Hatfield Local History Society may be able to help with reminiscences of that time.

It is planned to have pupils involved in the planning at a session on the afternoon of 21 June, and if any of our members are able to be present on that day to share their memories of 1960 with them, it will be greatly appreciated.