

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 12th Sept, 7.15 for a 7.30 start - Jenny Oxley, 'Mill Green Mill & Museum'

Thursday 13th Oct, 2.15 for a 2.30 start - R. Burgess, 'The Story of TOC H' **Monday**

14th Oct, 7.15 for a 7.30 start - Tom Doig, 'Folk Cures and Remedies' **Thursday 8th**

Dec, 2.15 for a 2.30 start - Our Christmas open meeting.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of response from other local societies the Welwyn & Hatfield Heritage Fair is unlikely to go ahead this year. We will keep you informed.

Heritage Open Day at Mill Green Museum **Sunday 11th September**

Take a look behind the scenes and tour the stores at the Museum. See the work of Libby Finney who works as an advisory conservator for museums all over the East of England.

Admission free to everyone on the day.

Update an the St John Ambulance Building

Good news, the planning application to demolish the St John's Ambulance Building and replace it-with-six 2-bedroom flats has been withdrawn. The building has become run down and is in need of some restoration, this might well mean that there will be future planning applications to change the use of the site. We will have to watch out for future developments.

Update on the Burgess Blue Plaque

Anyone who went looking for the Burgess Plaque after reading about it in our last newsletter will have been disappointed in not finding it. Unfortunately, vandals smashed the plaque and it had to be taken down. The Burgess family have now modified and replaced it. Let us hope that this one will not suffer the same fate and will be a permanent feature showing some of the history of this long-established family and of our Town.

1st World War Centenary



20th London Regiment, Robin Hood Billet

The centenary of the start of the 1st World War will take place in 2014. I would like to get a small group together to come up with ideas for telling the contribution made by the people of Hatfield at that time.

139 men from Hatfield Parish were killed (Hatfield War Memorial), although the Hatfield Memorial Book lists 141? They saw action in many of the main battles of that war, **Flanders, Gallipoli, Loos, Somme, Jutland, Ypres, Arras, Vimy Ridge**. It would be interesting to see if any of their army records survive.



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