

## Onslow St Audrey's School WW1 Exhibition.

After the success of their de Havilland exhibition Onslow St Audrey's School gained Heritage Lottery Funding for students to research WW1 at home and abroad.

The pupils investigations were greatly helped by local history Societies including our own as well as the loan of Hatfield man Edwin Payne's diaries and photographs. These diaries and photographs are a fascinating insight into the life of a soldier during the War period. Edwin Payne was a veteran of Gallipoli and other WW1 campaigns, he survived the War and returned to Hatfield to open a print works in Cecil Crescent.

The diaries and photographs were on display at Hatfield Library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February along with the School's WW1 exhibition, there were also displays from Hatfield Local History Soc., Lemsford Local History Soc., Hatfield Library & Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies.



Onslow St Audrey's School  
WW1 event held at  
Hatfield Library

The School's exhibition will be on display in Gallery 1 at Mill Green Museum from 14<sup>th</sup> June – 12<sup>th</sup> July

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## Researching the QE2 Hopsital.



The Queen opens the QE II hospital in 1963

There are plans to produce a small booklet about the QE2 hospital before the present building is pulled down. The booklet will contain a short history of the hospital with reminiscences from staff and patients. There will in addition be a short review of the medical facilities available in the area before the hospital was opened in 1963.

Angela Esserin, a WGC city historian, will be writing the booklet. Angela, however, will need help with local knowledge when writing about facilities available in Hatfield prior to the Hospital opening. She would also like to hear people's reminiscences as well as seeing photographs of events held at the hospital.

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## Hatfield Bell Ringers

After the inclusion in December's newsletter of the photograph of the Hatfield Bell Ringers and asking if anyone knew the names of three of the men, we have had several replies. All the replies identified Alan Cull who is standing on the right of the photo. From Brian Lawrence we learn that Alan was a member of the long-established Hatfield Cull family. Alan's father was Len Cull and as a youngster he and his brother Geoff lived in Endymion Road. Alan joined the Westminster Bank; eventually he became sub manager at the branch of NatWest in Old Hatfield, and then went on to become Marketing Manager for the Bedford Area of the Bank. Alan died several years ago.

Thank you to all who replied.

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## Dates For Your Diary

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2.15 for a 2.30 start.

*"The City Beneath the Park"*  
*A St Alban's Tour Guide presentation*

Life as it was in the Roman town of Verulamium. Mosaics, wall paintings, buildings and how the people lived and died, all are vividly described in this presentation. It was the third largest town in Roman Britain and its placement on Watling Street ensured its importance. It was one of the three towns to be destroyed by Boudicca and rebuilt. A fascinating story



Roman mosaic of a sea god  
Verulamium Museum.

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Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 7.15 for a 7.30 start,  
AGM. followed by

*"The Picture Postcard: an eyewitness of History"*  
Talk by Mark Andrew Pardoe.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 7.15 for a 7.30 start.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2.15 for a 2.30 start. (provisional)

All meetings are held at Friendship House, Wellfield Close, Hatfield. AL10 0BU  
£1 members £2 non members.

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## Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the twenty fourth Annual General Meeting  
will be held on Monday 8th June  
Friendship House, Wellfield Close, Hatfield  
7:15 for 7:30pm start.

### AGENDA

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of the twenty third Annual General Meeting
- 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

Motions for Annual General Meeting should be notified to  
Chris Martindale,

Your Committee is very short of members. Please consider volunteering to serve on the committee or to help in other ways to keep the Society alive.

The committee meets about 5 times a year.

If you want further information please ring Chris

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## **COME ON VOLUNTEER TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE**

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