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JUBILEE PARK, WATCHOUSE ROAD.

The above photograph was taken in 1994 on the occasion of the refurbishment of Jubilee Park by the Parish Council. It shows Ted Hawkins (Chairman) on the left, Jane Head (Secretary) in the centre and Gordon Cameron (Vice-Chairman) on the right.

Do you know which Jubilee our Park is named after? Well it was on the occasion of H. M. Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee in 1977. It would appear that a number of Galleywood residents were deeply concerned that there was no open space and playing field in that area of the village, especially as all those new houses were then being built off *Watchouse Road*. Families with young children moving into these houses would greatly benefit from a closer recreational area; after all Chelmer Park, which had opened six years earlier, was quite a distance away.

These residents prevailed upon Great Baddow Parish Council to provide some green open space as a public park and also where some Jubilee events could be held. In this respect they were successful and the Park was finally officially opened by the Chairman of Great Baddow Parish Council on 7th June 1977 – Jubilee Day.

During the Jubilee year the Galleywood Association arranged a programme of Events in support of the Silver Jubilee Appeal Fund. On Friday, 23rd September there was a Barn Dance held at Wood Farm, Galleywood. This was followed on Saturday 24th September with a Sponsored Walk and on the same day there was a Country Fayre held at Wood Farm with Maypole & Morris Dancing, Working Sheep Dogs, Junior Horse Jumping and a Clay Shooting Competition. All the monies raised by the Silver Jubilee Appeal Fund went to children in need

According to Chelmsford City's current publicity for Jubilee Park – *"It is a small area of green space, which includes a football kick-about area, a basketball hoop, a Children's Play Area and a free car park. It is a favourite place for dog walkers and it is also the home of the 1st Galleywood Scout Group. A boundary public footpath leads to Carlton Farm on Beehive Lane."*

So now we know!

Our Next Meeting – Wednesday 11th November at 8 pm at the Keene Hall.

A talk to be given on 'The Agricultural Depression of the 19th century including Galleywood and Great Baddow' by Neil Wiffen M.A.

Our speaker, this evening, lives in Broomfield and he has worked for the Essex Record Office since 2000; Neil is also the editor on the *'Essex Journal'*. The subject of his talk this evening, formed part of his dissertation for his M.A. on Local & Regional History at the University of East Anglia in Norwich. It sounds as if we are to be given an insight into a fascinating aspect of the village's history.

It will also be, of course, our Annual General Meeting.

The Agenda for the A.G.M is:

1. Chairman's address.
2. Oral History.
3. Election of Officers
4. Election of Committee members
5. Any Other Business.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th March 2016.A Talk by Mr Bob Villa on ‘My year as Mayor of Chelmsford: 2014/2015’.



IN MEMORY OF EDGAR C. HAWKINS.

I am sure that you are well aware that our President, Ted Hawkins, passed away on 16th August and his Memorial Service was held at St Michael and All Angels Church on Wednesday 9th September – the date of our last meeting. Our deepest sympathies are with Barbara, his widow. Besides all his admirable work on the Parish Council from 1987 to 2003 and his other voluntary work in the village, Ted was one of the founder members of the Society in 1998. He was our Programme Director and he always had our talks arranged and planned for a year in advance. Latterly Ted has been our President. He was, of course, THE authority on ‘The History of Galleywood Racecourse’. Ted and his valuable contributions to the work of the Society will be greatly missed. Personally speaking it was Ted, who persuaded me to join the Society many years ago, for which I am most grateful.

WELCOME STEPHANIE – OUR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER.

Stephanie Troop has recently joined our Committee and on behalf of the Society we welcome her on board; I am sure that she will become a most valuable member of the Committee. Stephanie was, until recently, a Parish Councillor. She is a Trustee of the Heritage Centre and she was also one of the founder members of Galleywood Good Neighbours. Stephanie is also a very involved in the Society’s new project – Galleywood Oral History.

GALLEYWOOD ORAL HISTORY.

There have been several recent developments on this project, which our Chairman, Graham Mundy, will fully explain at the A.G.M.

GALLEYWOOD GOOD NEIGHBOURS.

The last Coffee Morning was held on Friday 9th October and it proved to be very successful. The next Coffee Morning will be held on Friday 13th November just two days after our meeting. The final Coffee Morning in 2015 will be held on Friday 4th December. They are all held in The Keene Hall between 10.00 – 12.00 am. Perhaps you would like to come along to have a tea or coffee, biscuits and ‘Have a Chat’? Also you might know of somebody in the village, who is lonely and might like to meet others in a similar position. At the present the Committee are reviewing their plans for 2016.

NEWS FROM THE HERITAGE CENTRE.

The talk on ‘Marconi & Hoffman’s Past’ on 29th September was successful and very well-attended. On Sunday 15th November the ‘WWI Exhibition’ will be repeated, if you did not manage to see it the first time around, I can thoroughly recommend a visit; it was excellent. On that day the Centre will be open from 10.00 am to 04.00 pm; entry is free and refreshments, including light lunches, will be available.

During November and December there will be a display on ‘The Home in WWI’ in the Heritage Room.

It should be noted that the Heritage Room will be closed for Christmas and will re-open on Tuesday 9th January 2016 from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

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President. Vacant

Chairman: Graham Mundy. Vice-Chairman: Graham Smith.

Secretary: Gillian Parker. Treasurer: Ken Edwards.

Programme Director: Vacant.

Committee: Alex Gilbert, Geraldine Willden & Stephanie Troop.

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