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society.

A GALLEYWOOD QUIZ.

I recently had to research some of the early issues of *Past Times*, the first issue (No 1) appeared in February 2003; three years after the Society was formed. All of the issues can be found on the Society's website, which is managed by Ken Edwards. They form a rich compendium of the village's history – celebrated residents, buildings, streets and many reminiscences of the village in other days. There is also an excellent and comprehensive index.

I also noted that in the early days of the Society quiz nights were arranged, the last one was on 8th December 2004. So I thought, that almost thirteen years later, it was appropriate that I present a Galleywood Quiz, to test your knowledge of the village and its history.

1. In 1250 the village was known as 'Gavelwode', what does this Anglo- Saxon word mean?
2. When was The Heritage Centre officially opened, was it (a) November 2008 or (b) November 2009?
3. In 1838 a building, which later became the village's first school, was erected for what original purpose?
4. Who was the celebrated singer of the 1930s – 1960s, who lived in the village at various times during this period?
5. What was the first Christian name of Mrs L. C. Keene, and when did she officially open The Keene Hall?
6. Who was fondly known as 'Mr Galleywood'? He has one building in the village named after him.
7. Where was the first Village Sign erected, and in what year?
8. Which Park was officially opened in March 1971?
9. In which road was the first Post Office sited?
10. Who was known during his lifetime as 'Galleywood's Poet'?

11. Why is the date – 29th September 1873 – so important to the village?
12. What was the name of the landlord of the Admiral Rous Inn, who was executed for murder in December 1899?
13. In July 1993 The Common was granted the status of what?
14. Which was the only Galleywood road to be bombed in WWII?
15. Where is the replica Village Pump sited and when was it placed there?
16. Who was the owner of the first Galleywood garage in *Stock Road*?
17. When was the first three-day race meeting on the Common reported. Was it on 21/23rd August 1763 or 21/23rd August 1764?
18. In what year was the first Grandstand built on the Race course? Was it 1776, 1778 or 1779?

The answers to the Quiz appear on page 4.

NUDIST COLONY IN BAKERS LANE.

It has nothing to do with the above quiz, but did you know that there was once a Nudist Colony quite near to Galleywood? Well in the late 1940s there was one such Colony in *Bakers Lane*, which is the first turning to the left off *Stock Road*; that was before the days of the A12 by-pass. The Nudist Colony was on the site of the now Temple Grove Park. It would seem that it was a very popular weekend haunt for Londoners and maybe some locals as well. Many cyclists went to the site to see if they could glimpse the fence; the Colony was guarded by security men or 'bouncers'. There was even a small brick-built shop that sold fresh vegetables and fruit and one of the caravans was used as a Spiritualist Chapel.

This information has not appeared in any previous issues of *Past Times*, but a note about the Colony was written in *St Michael's Church Magazine* in April 2008 by the Vicar – Rev. Andy Griffiths. He did mention that "a few of the children from the Nudist Community even attended the Junior School in Galleywood – in school uniform, of course." I also believe that two people, who have been interviewed for our Oral History project, did recall the Nudist Colony.

NEXT MEETING.

Wednesday, 8th November, 8 p.m. at Keene Hall.

A talk to be given by Malcolm Stuart on ‘Well Lane, Galleywood’. It will also be our Annual General Meeting.

Malcolm is, of course, one of our members and has recently been interviewed for the Oral History project.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th March 2018.

A talk by Adrian Wright on ‘Essex Railways in Victorian Times’.

13th June 2018.

A talk ‘Rose by any other Name’ by Julian Whybra.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Since the last *Past Times*, sadly there has not been any increase in membership – a grand total of **89 (9 Honorary)**. However, at the year-end – 30th September 2017 - the Society had total funds of **£1,766.90**.

A message from our Treasurer.

“Dear Member.

It is that time of the year again when your membership needs to be renewed. Our financial year runs from 1st October to 30th September but subscription renewal is generally in November when we hold our AGM. We have five planned talks for the coming year and four newsletters, so I hope that you would agree that is good value for money.

You will notice on the enclosed membership form that there is an additional method of paying: Direct Credit. You can instruct your bank to make a one-off payment from your bank to our bank account – just remember to use your surname as the reference so that I know who the payment is from!

You can still pay by cash or cheque if you prefer – either bring it along with your completed form on the AGM evening or post it to me. If you already pay by standing order then there is nothing more for you to do as your membership will roll over automatically. Just let me know if your address or email changes.

I look forward to seeing you soon.”

Geraldine Willden

Hon. Treasurer.

THE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT.

At the present time the team has completed **twenty-four** interviews with over **forty** persons on their list to be interviewed. Recently a letter was sent to those on the waiting list, which explained the situation and reassuring them that they had not been forgotten.

You might be interested to know that since The Listening Bench opened on 1st July that it has been used **1,634** times and that figure is up to 4th October. The Bench will be refreshed with new recordings in the New Year.

GALLEYWOOD GOOD NEIGHBOURS.

The next Coffee Morning will be held on 10th November and finally for 2017, on 8th December, when there will be seasonal piano music, crackers and mince pies. As you are aware they all take place at The Keene Hall on the second Friday in the month. In the New Year the dates are 12th January, 9th February and 9th March.

The answers to the Quiz.

1. ‘Taxed Wood’.
2. November 2009.
3. ‘A Chapel of Ease’.
4. Monte Rey.
5. Lavinia and 19th February 1938.
6. Charles Cottey, M.B.E.
7. Near the Library in 1990.
8. Chelmer Park.
9. *The Street*.
10. Jack Shelley.
11. It was the day that St Michael’s Church was consecrated and then open for Holy services.
12. Samuel Crozier.
13. ‘Local Nature Reserve’.
14. *Skinners Lane*.
15. At Pipers Tye – 1st February 1987.
16. Henry ‘Harry’ Waskett.
17. 21st/23rd August 1764
18. 1779.

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