

Victorian Galleywood

The Parish Exhibition on Saturday October 23 will celebrate all aspects of life as it might have been in the reign of Queen Victoria. Our own display is well in hand but if any of our members have any artifacts appropriate for this period that they would be willing to display, we would be glad to hear from you at our meeting in September.

The following piece appeared in the Essex Chronicle on 6 May 1910 and appears to be an unsolicited contribution from a satisfied reader. We're accustomed to slogans that almost shout at us these days, but what could be more convincing than the final sentence in this letter.

MAKE YOUR OWN HAIR TONIC

A home made hair tonic that was highly recommended for its remarkable hair growing properties, as well as for stopping falling hair, revitalising the hair roots and destroying the dandruff germ was of special interest to me as the formula was one which I myself have seen used in countless cases with the most astounding benefit, thus confirming my belief that home made hair preparations are the best. For the benefit of those who have not seen it before I give the formula herewith.

Procure from your chemist a four ounce bottle containing three ounces of Bay Rum, one ounce of Lavona de Composee (Smith's) and 1/4 dram Menthol Crystals. Dissolve the crystals in the Bay Rum and then add the Lavona de Composee. Shake thoroughly and apply night and morning to the roots of the hair, rubbing into the scalp with the fingertips. This preparation contains no colouring, matter but restores grey hair to its original colour by its action on the hair roots. If you desire it perfumed, add half a spoonful of French Fon Fleur perfume which combines perfectly with the other ingredients and imparts a most pleasing scent. (Do not apply where hair is not required.)

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Daylight Robbery

A frequent blot on the modern landscape is caused by illegal fly tippers. These unscrupulous citizens are no doubt encouraged by the charges made by local authorities for the deposit of trade waste on official sites. A hundred years ago the problem was quite the opposite. The Common was being dug up and taken away.

To the Chelmsford Rural District Council
from Great Baddow Parish Council
7 March 1898

Dear Sir

I am instructed by my Council to forward to you the enclosed copy resolution passed at their meeting on the first inst. In so doing I am requested to inform you that Mrs Rayner has opened a large hole at the back of the grandstand from which large quantities of sand and gravel have been extracted and carted away to Rettendon. This is quite distinct from anything connected with the manufacture of bricks on the Common.

I am also to inform you that a large excavation has recently been made to the NW side of the footpath, the subject of recent proceedings, and that planks have been laid across it and on trestles above it and the footpath obstructed by the wheeling of barrows over it.

Great dissatisfaction is felt by the owners of property and persons having right of way over the Common as well as by the inhabitants who believe that unless something is done to put a stop to Mrs Rayner's proceedings, the Common will soon be spoilt.

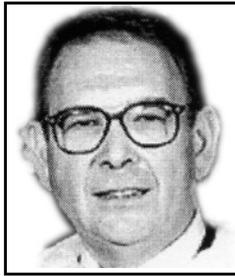
Yours truly

C R Finch Clerk

BOTE: The right of manorial tenants to take material from the common for their own use.

Our next meeting

Our speaker will be
Lord Hanningfield DL



KING EDWARD VI GRAMMAR SCHOOL (KEGS)



LORD HANNINGFIELD was born into a farming family in West Hanningfield and was a former pupil and foundation governor of the School which was founded 450 years ago

Wednesday 22 September 2004
Keene Hall Watchouse Road at 8 pm

DATES for your Diary

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| 23 October 2004 | Parish Exhibition
VICTORIAN GALLEYWOOD |
| 17 November 2004 | THE ORAL HISTORY OF GT. BADDOW
Alan Buckroyd is paying a return visit to bring us some highlights from his recent book of interviews with some local residents.
This will be preceded by our AGM |
| 8 December 2004 | CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT
Tickets available at our September meeting |
| 9 March 2005 | THE HISTORY OF THE ESSEX REGIMENT
Ian Hook
Keeper of the Essex Regiment Museum |

Common bought for £2000

It's such a significant feature of our village that we feel that, notwithstanding the legal language, members will be interested to read how it was bought by the Council from its private owner.

This Conveyance is made the *twenty third* day of

December one thousand nine hundred and *forty two* BETWEEN HENRY LINDSAY ARCHER HOUBLON of Welford Park Newbury in the County of Berkshire a Major (retired) in His Majesty's Army (hereinafter called the Vendor) of the one part and THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHELMSFORD in the County of Essex (hereinafter called the Council) of the other part WHEREAS the Vendor is the estate owner in respect of the fee simple of the property hereby conveyed subject to the rights (if any) of the Commoners of the Manor of Great Baddow in the County of Essex and to the rights (if any) of the public and to the Licences and Agreements set forth in the First Schedule hereto but otherwise free from incumbrances AND WHEREAS the Vendor has agreed with the Council for the sale to the Council for the sum of Two thousand pounds of the fee simple of the said property hereby conveyed subject to the rights licences and agreements aforesaid but otherwise free from incumbrances and the Council has agreed to enter into the covenant hereinafter contained NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH as follows'-

1. The Vendor as BENEFICIAL OWNER hereby conveys unto the Council ALL and SINGULAR the parts of Galleywood Common in the County of Essex as now remain waste or common land of the Manor of Great Baddow Together with all and singular the rights and privileges in respect of the said common and premises now vested in the Vendor as Lord of the said Manor TO HOLD the same Unto the Council in fee simple subject only to (a) the aforesaid rights (if any) of the said Commoners (b) the aforesaid rights (if any) of the public and (c) to the Licences and Agreements set forth in the First Schedule hereto

2. IT is hereby declared that for purposes of identification only and not of limitation the parts of Galleywood Common in the County of Essex which now remain waste or common land of the said Manor are edged pink on the plan annexed hereto

3. THE Council hereby covenants with the Vendor that the Council and its successors in title will maintain Galleywood Common hereafter in perpetuity for the benefit of the inhabitants of the surrounding locality but nothing in this clause contained shall prevent the Council from regulating the said Common in accordance with statute

4. THE Vendor hereby acknowledges the right of the Council to production of the documents set forth in the Second Schedule hereto and to delivery of copies thereof and hereby undertakes for the safe custody thereof

IN WITNESS whereof the Vendor has hereunto set his hand and seal and the Council has caused its common seal to be hereunto affixed the day and year first before written