



January 2008

**Tadley and District History Society
(TADS) - www.tadshistory.com**

**Next meeting - Wednesday 16th January
at St. Paul's Church Hall, 8.00 to 9.30 pm**

**Frank Hornby,
the man who made Meccano,
Hornby Trains, and Dinky Toys**
By John Hollands of the Willis Museum

(Everybody welcome - visitors £2.00)



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TADS Meeting 20th January 2008:

‘ Down Memory Lane’

A film show by Geoff Wheeler

Membership subscriptions - Subscriptions of £10 per person are now due. If paying at the coming meeting, will you please put your money (cheque or cash) in a sealed envelope with your name and address and the amount written on the outside, and hand it to the Treasurer.
(A secondhand envelope will save writing the address).

News from the AGM held on 19th December 2007

The Chairman, Bob Brown, reported on the activities of the last year. These had included some very good talks and a couple of outings.

The excellent news was that because Derek Heath had volunteered to be the new Programme Organiser, the Society would be able to continue in the manner to which we have become accustomed. Derek is still working on the programme so it was not possible to reveal more than the first two talks.
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Carol Sevens reported on the work of the Project Group. They have published two editions of Project News in the past year. Carol explained that while the Project Team has a core membership, there are many other people that help for a specific job in which they have expertise or interest. If you have any topic that you think would be worth investigating and writing up in Project News, Carol would like to know. The Team are now working very hard producing a new version of the Florence Davidson ‘History of Tadley’. This has been out of print for some time. The new version will have photographs and explanatory notes about aspects of the text, to put things in context nearly 100 years after it was written. This project has been awarded a grant by B&D Council, but the grant is conditional on the booklet being published before March!

Jim Coles, Treasurer, reported that the accounts had been passed by the scrutineer without problem. A small profit had been made over the year and there was no need to change the rate of subscriptions.

The committee was re-elected without opposition and is:

Chairman -	Bob Brown
Vice-Chairman -	Derek Ward
Treasurer -	Jim Coles
Minute Sec. & Website -	Ian Burn
Programme Organiser -	Derek Heath
Project Team Leader -	Carol Stevens
Archivist -	Peter McNulty
Outings Organiser -	David Day
Newsletter Editor -	Richard Brown

Bob expressed his thanks to the committee members, for all their work, and everyone else who contributes to the successful running of TADS.

Various aspects of the Society's activities were discussed, and all present seemed to be happy with the conduct of affairs.

Following the formal meeting the members enjoyed a buffet with mulled wine, and the opportunity to look at assorted artifacts put on display by various members.

Richard Brown

TADS News

Ian Burn has spent part of his Christmas break working on improving the Website. It contains Project News, Newsletters, Photographs, and much else. It can be found at www.tadshistory.com

History in the making

Tadley, Autumn 2007 - Opening of the football complex at Barlows Plantation on Silchester Road. The cost was in the order of £1,500,000.

What's On? Events which may be of interest.

Hampshire Record Office

The Record Office are now holding lunchtime lectures every Thursday from 1.15-1.45pm). For Information see www3.hants.gov.uk/whatson-hro or ring 01962846154.

Willis Museum exhibitions

19th Jn to 1st April **Cutting Edge - a History of Human Hair** What is hair made from? What lives in it? What would you look like with a beard?

All this and more in this hands-on exploration of the history and science of human hair. Come face to face with a giant nit, investigate hair styles from history, discover what is hidden in our giant shampoo bottle, explore hair through play for the very young. Whether you re in the downy first stages, have a full head of hair or are thinning on top this exhibition is for you!

Milestones Museum

19th Jan to 20th April - **Eating Creepy Crawlies.** A special exhibition which delves into entomophagy, the consumption of bugs and mini-beasts. Discover some of the nutritional benefits and flavours of this alternative food source. (On loan from the Natural History Museum).

B'stoke Archaeological & Historical Society (7.30pm in Church Cottage)

10th Jan - 'A medieval household'; Simon & Eleanor de Montfort at **Odiham Castle**' by David Miles of English Heritage

14th Feb - **Lords & Halls in Roman Hampshire** by Prof. Barry Cunliffe

Friends of the Willis Museum

17th Jan - "**The history of Thornycrofts**", by Chris Tree

21st Feb - "**The Watercress Line**", by David Yaldren

Silchester Village Hall

8th Feb - Professor Michael Fulford will give his annual talk on the findings of last Summer's dig on **Insula IX of the Calleva site.**

*TADS annual membership is £10 per person.
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