

# Charlton Kings Local History Society Newsletter

welcoming new members & keeping local history alive

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If you are interested in joining the society, please email [cklhs@yahoo.com](mailto:cklhs@yahoo.com) and we will get back to you. If do archive research, help on the committee, or offer some other assistance we would love to hear from you. We really need a Treasurer to continue as a Society in the longer term.

Membership is £10 per year and includes free entry to our monthly local history talks which are held in the Charlton Kings Baptist Church.

The purpose of the Society is to help people connect with the past by bringing it to life through anecdotes, photography, and our monthly talks. If you are new to the area and would like to know more about your road or perhaps even your house, the Society is a great place to ask questions and begin your journey into the local history of Charlton Kings.

My name is Geoff Bridgman, my family moved to Charlton Kings in 1818 from Devon, and I am passionate about researching my local family history. I am the Vice Chairman of the Society, and I am using our Facebook group to promote the Society so any likes and shares on social media are always appreciated. We really appreciate feedback via social media so please let us know what you are enjoying and what you would like to see more of. David Hanks' "Now & Then" photography posts continue to be hugely popular and we really appreciate his time and expertise in sharing these marvellous images with the community.

We have taken some of David's photos (with permission) and comments people have made, in order to put together this newsletter.

## Dates for your diary

24 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 @ 7.30pm	Talk by David Elder on Dr Edward Thomas Wilson. "He went about doing good"	Charlton Kings Baptist Church
28 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 @ 7.30pm	Talk by (insert talker) on Cheltenham's Suffragettes	Charlton Kings Baptist Church

We also have a table at the Charlton Kings Summer Fayre on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 1.00pm – 6.00pm.

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William Woodward was a Coal & Coke Merchant who lived at Ham Field Villa. In the pre charabanc and motor-bus days men with a wagon, often a local farmer, would take local children on Sunday School outings. This could be one such outing with the children placed in the strong, caring hands of Bill, who may have been assisted by Katie, the eldest of his three daughters (standing on right). The house behind appears to include a shop and if anyone recognises the building or any of the children, please get in touch and let us know.



Written records tell us Francis Crumpe's inventory for **The Forge** in 1670/71, listed '*iron coles and iron readymade, 2 anvils, bellows and shop tools*' valued at £28 0s 0d (\*£3,185 in 2017) and his widow paid hearth tax on a 'forge area' in 1672. It remained a Smithy until at least 1922 and then served as a village shop until quite recently, now being a private residence.



We hope you have enjoyed this, our first newsletter.

Best wishes from Geoff and Mags.

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