



BEAULIEU HISTORY SOCIETY

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

We have plenty of ideas for the 2013 programme which will begin, after the AGM on 31st January, with a talk by committee member Christina Dykes. She will tell us about an intriguing previous inhabitant of her Beaulieu home, **Sir Philip Hunloke**, King George V's sailing master on the yacht Britannia.

There will be a talk in March on the aerial radar **Archaeological Survey** of the New Forest being undertaken as part of the National Park's World War II Remembers project and the hundreds of new historic remains it has discovered from pre-historic settlements to WWII airstrips. This will be followed at the end of May by a tour and presentation at **Keeping Farm**, Buckler's Hard, a listed C16th farmhouse, by kind permission of James and Belinda McGill.

Chairman's Column

I have so much enjoyed my first year as your chairman. Our hard-working committee has tried to provide you with a lively and varied series of talks and outings. All meetings have been well-attended and we infer that on the whole you have enjoyed your year too!



Rosemary Johnson

Gilly Drummond's excellent talk on Cadland at the AGM was followed in April by a fascinating evening of rarely seen film footage, when Ralph Montagu presented 'Hollywood Comes to Beaulieu'. Next Mary Montagu-Scott took centre stage at Buckler's Hard in June when the sun shone and we were given an exclusive talk and river trip as well as a tour of the new exhibitions in the maritime museum. Members were invited to join in some of the 'digs' at Beaulieu, and several of you enjoyed

joining the teams led by the National Park Authority.

We launched a Junior section of the Society in the summer with a trip to the 'dig' at Buckler's Hard, which the children entered into with enthusiasm. This was followed by a BHS stall at the Beaulieu Fete when children were invited to bring along their artefacts or 'treasures'. Nina Harris judged the entries with Emma Page (Hon. Treasurer) and prizes were duly awarded. We hope to follow up this year with another history-based outing for the school with the co-operation of Jane Noble, Head Teacher.

In October the Hon. Secretary, Gill Hawkins, devised an evening in the village hall entitled 'Memories of War' when two distinguished members, Col Henry Cadogan and Rear Admiral Christopher Layman gave insight into two conflicts, the Great War and the Falklands War.

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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 31 January 2013 6:30pm

AGM and Talk on
Sir Philip Hunloke,
Beaulieu Village Hall

Thursday 21 March 2013 6:30pm
(date to be confirmed)

Talk on
New Forest Archaeology Survey,
Beaulieu Village Hall

Friday 31 May 2013 6:30pm

Visit to **Keeping Farm**,
Bucklers Hard

Subscriptions

Membership fees are now due. If you have not yet paid, please send a cheque for £5 per member payable to 'Beaulieu History Society' to: Gill Hawkins, Membership Secretary at her address on the back page.

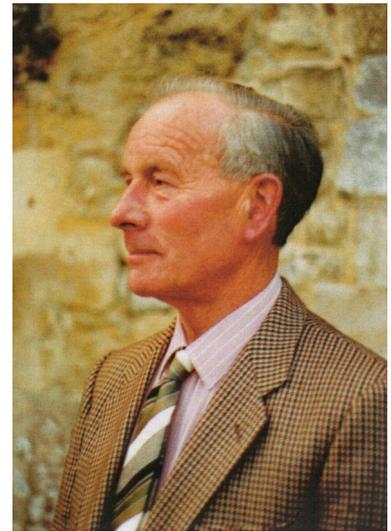
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In order to have an informal get-together before Christmas, we invited members to a supper and quiz, held at the Master Builder's House Hotel, Buckler's Hard. Peter Roberts, chairman of the New Forest Association and author of several books on the New Forest, gave us a short talk on the history and origins of the New Forest from William the Conqueror until the inception of the National Park. This was followed by a light-hearted quiz on the New Forest, devised by Georgina Babey. It has to be admitted that scores at the quiz were not very high, suggesting that we still need to brush up on our local knowledge!

I am sad to report that this year we have lost two senior members of the History Society, Stan Seaman and recently, Fred Norris. An article on the life of Fred Norris will appear in the next newsletter. Both attended meetings regularly and often contributed their memories of Beaulieu from up to eighty years ago. They will be missed.

Members are invited to get in touch with any member of the committee with their views on the programme, ideas for the future and also if they would like to get involved in a research programme.

Rosemary Johnson



Fred Norris

Tips on Researching Beaulieu

A main aim of the Society is to promote research. It can be exciting to make new discoveries. The word 'research' may suggest dusty papers in dark, chilly rooms, but there are excellent local archive libraries, comfortable and warm (a vital inducement in winter!) with welcoming, helpful staff. The libraries below have parish registers and census returns on microfiche/microfilm.

The **Hampshire Record Office** in Winchester (01962 878681) is the main source of archival material for the county with documents from the twelfth century. Easily reached by train, it is close to Winchester station. Or you can reserve free parking in advance. Its on-line catalogue www.hants.gov.uk/archives is valuable for saving time before a visit. Through it you can locate material related to Beaulieu, including wills from 1522-1940. There is an extensive map collection, including tithe maps.

Perhaps start somewhere you know already. Both **Lymington** and **Hythe Public Libraries** have material on Beaulieu. Lymington has a good collection of books on the area, as well as free facilities for those researching family history. It is proud of its collection of back numbers of the Lymington Times and its predecessor available on micro-fiche. Hythe re-opens shortly after

refurbishment.

A key source for the New Forest is the **Christopher Tower Reference Library** in the New Forest Centre in Lyndhurst (open from Wednesdays to Saturdays 10.00am-4.30pm). Phone the Centre on 023 8028 3444 beforehand to check that the librarian, Richard Reeves, is available. Day and annual passes are available. The

One in a series of articles about researching the history of Beaulieu

Centre adjoins the main town car park. There is a large book collection, many relating to the Forest's past, a fine natural history section and extensive material on the Forest in wartime. Settlements in or around the Forest are included.

The **Beaulieu Estate Archive** in the Collections Centre building is the place to go for anything connected with the estate, especially for surviving

leases, surveys and matters relating to tenancies. These are valuable for linking people with places, but there is also a good general collection of local material. Susan Tomkins, the archivist, would like plenty of notice to look out sources and it's best to contact her by e-mail susan.tomkins@beaulieu.co.uk.

Good hunting!

Anne Coles



The Christopher Tower Library at the New Forest Centre

Early Days of Beaulieu Cricket

The formation of Beaulieu Cricket Club was almost entirely due to Walter Francis, the 5th Duke of Buccleuch and his eldest son Earl Dalkeith. References exist to cricket being played at Beaulieu as early as 1775 but it appears that a formal club was not established until 1849. It is evident that Earl Dalkeith was a keen cricketer, as he became an influential member of the M.C.C. and its president in 1888. We can conclude that he was the driving force in persuading his father to start a cricket team. Earl Dalkeith, who, in 1884 became 6th Duke of Buccleuch, was born in September 1831 and so was 17 at the time of the club's formation.

The first match played by the newly formed cricket club took place on, what is believed to be, the site of the present cricket ground. We are fortunate that the scorecard of this match survives and was printed in *The Hampshire Independent* of Saturday June 30th 1849 [shown below]. In this game Beaulieu played the South-Western Club, a strong club from Redbridge.



Modern day cricket at Beaulieu cricket ground

CRICKET.—The Beaulieu and South-Western Clubs played their first match of the season on the beautiful grounds of the Duke of Buccleugh, at the former place, on Monday last, the South-Western winning, with nine wickets to go down. Subjoined is the score:—

BEAULIEU.		1st Innings.	2nd Innings.	
Crouch, c and b by Knell	10	ran out	0
Rawlins, b by ditto	7	c by Groves	3
Woodridge, b by ditto	21	b by Strange	3
Randall, b by Webber	1	b by Webber	4
Ranyard, c by Fletcher, b by Knell	0	b by Strange	0
Fletcher, c by Webber, b by ditto	14	c by Webber, b by Knell	0
Stote, c by Flux, b by Webber	3	run out	2
Stead, Esq., not out	14	b by Strange	3
Earl Dalkeith, b by Strange	1	c Groves, b Webber	0
Godrich, b by Knell	0	run out	0
Davies, Esq., b by Strange	2	not out	11
Byes	5	Byes	4
		71		95
				71
				106
SOUTH-WESTERN.		1st Innings.	2nd Innings.	
Russell, b by Rawlins	19	not out	7
Asby, Esq., run out	4		
Webber, b by Fletcher	17		
King, c by Fletcher, b by Rawlins	5		
Fletcher, b by Fletcher	1	not out	7
Knell, b by Rawlins	4		
Strange, b by Fletcher	8		
Groves, b by ditto	10		
Flux, b by ditto	1		
Williams, not out	2	c Godrich, b Davies	17
Thomas, b by Fletcher	0		
Byes	6	Byes	5
Wide balls	2		
		72		36
				72
				108

Some of the names in the Beaulieu team can be identified. Fletcher was William Fletcher the proprietor of the *Montagu Arms* to where the teams adjourned after all the matches. Randall was the Master of the Boys' School and Godrich was the tenant of Beaulieu Mill. Stote and Crouch

were members of two of the families who were to emigrate to Port Natal, all expenses paid by the 5th Duke of Buccleuch. One wonders if they subsequently played a part in introducing cricket to the South Africans!

The return match was obviously a disagreeable affair, but it was the report included in *The Hampshire Advertiser* of July 21st 1849 [shown above right] which elicited a response.

The report may seem quite innocuous but, if you read the letter in response [below right], you will see what caused offence.

Not surprisingly the two teams did not play each oth-

er again. The wording of the letter seems to indicate that Beaulieu Cricket Club was formed slightly earlier, possibly 1848. Unfortunately the local newspapers do not include any reference to matches played by Beaulieu Cricket Club earlier than 1849.

REDBRIDGE, July 21.

CRICKET.—The return match between the South-Western Club and the combined Clubs of Beaulieu and Lymington, was played on the South-Western ground, at Redbridge, on Thursday and Friday, when the South-Western, despite the exertions of their opponents, again proved victorious. The totals were—South-Western Club, first innings, 135; second ditto, 29; total in both innings, 164. Beaulieu and Lymington Clubs, first innings, 46; second ditto, 86; total in both innings, 132.

BEAULIEU AND MARCHWOOD.

The return match between the Beaulieu and Marchwood Clubs was played on Monday last, the 23rd inst. on the grounds of his Grace the Duke of Buccleugh, at Beaulieu. After a very interesting and friendly game, the play, which was excellent on both sides, terminated in favour of the Beaulieu players. In the evening, about thirty members of the respective clubs sat down to a cold collation, very excellently arranged by their worthy host, at the Montagu Arms, and the evening passed away with that comfort and friendly feeling which every true lover of conviviality would wish to cherish.

To the Editor of the Hampshire Advertiser.

SIR,—We (the Beaulieu Cricket Club) observed in your last paper that you had there inserted, under the head of "Cricket," the return match played between the "South Western v. Beaulieu and Lymington Clubs Combined;" we should, therefore, thank you to contradict in your next the present existence of a Lymington Club, those members who played with us on that occasion from the above mentioned place, having belonged to our Club since its formation.

We cannot but express our indifference at the South Western's attempt at selfish egotism; but, after the unthankful reception we received on the Redbridge ground, we do not hesitate to be surprised at anything that may arise on their part to mar the felicity generally elicited on such reciprocal occasions as a friendly cricket match.

We are, sir, yours respectfully,
THE BEAULIEU CRICKET CLUB.

Members interested in cricket may like to purchase my book on the history of the club, *Two Centuries of Beaulieu Cricket 1775 – 1975*. A few copies are still available, price a mere £1!

Anthony Norris

Report on Memories of War talk 26 October 2012

On October 26th the Society met to listen to a programme entitled *Stories of Conflict in our continuing series, Memories of War*.

Two of our Members **Colonel Henry Cadogan**, OBE, DL, Royal Welch Fusiliers and Rear Admiral Christopher Layman CB, DSO, LVO, graciously accepted an invitation to address the Society presenting their own personal memoirs of conflict.

Henry Cadogan's illustrated presentation entitled *The Road to Armageddon* was based on the book he has written using over 200 letters written by his Grandfather, Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Cadogan. His Grandfather, referred to as Hal, served in the Royal Welch Fusiliers from the late Victorian era through to his tragic death in action at the start of WWI.

The story begins with Hal's commission in the 4th Battalion in 1888. His first military posting was to India and other postings included The North West Frontier in 1891 and then Peking for the Boxer Rising in 1900. After serving for over twenty years abroad the Battalion was recalled to England in 1914. Now commanding the 1st Battalion, Hal's dearest wish to lead his men into battle was finally accomplished. As part of the British Expeditionary Force they set off from training camp at Lyndhurst for France only to suffer huge losses in their valiant attempt to counter-attack the overwhelming gunfire of the massed German Army. Hal and many in his Battalion were



Lieut-Col Hal Cadogan, followed by Capt W.G. Vyvyan, OC A Company, at the head of the 1st Battalion, marching through Lyndhurst, September 1914.

killed in action during the first Battle of Ypres.

Henry presented a vivid and poignant portrait of those times, including his family's links to Beaulieu, and members can read more of this fascinating account in his book, *The Road to Armageddon*.

Part two of the evening's programme consisted of **Rear Admiral Christopher Layman's** presentation entitled *HMS Argonaut in the Falklands War*. It began by describing the great beauty and wildlife of the Falklands, and reminded us that they are populated by very British people, and have been under British sovereignty since 1765, long before Argentina existed. Well worth defending!

As the task force set sail for Ascension Island in Spring 1982 Kit was the Captain of HMS Argonaut and the 7th Frigate Squadron. With his usual modesty, Kit presented a per-

sonal account of his command during the Battle of Falkland Sound. Using photographs taken at the time by embedded reporters and notes from his naval log he was able to give us a riveting picture of being stationed at the mouth of the entrance to San Carlos – "the cork in the bottle" – in order to protect the landing force as enemy Skyhawks and Mirages attacked at very

low level in attempting to evade air defence systems and dropped their bombs too early, leaving them to bounce along the water between and sometimes into the ships.

We were given a fascinating account of the bombing of the Argonaut, of the exceptional bravery of the ship's company in the subsequent eight-day saga of getting rid of two unexploded bombs, one in a highly dangerous condition in the magazine.

Kit obviously had great pride in the men he commanded of whom several were awarded high honours for their bravery. Kit was asked whether British forces would be able to undertake such a mission today. He replied that with the current capacity of the Navy, sadly no. However, he said there was now a permanent garrison in the Islands and an excellent international airport, so we should be able to defend the airhead and fly in reinforcements when needed.

A full account of both talks can be heard on the BHS CD recording of the evening.

Gill Hawkins

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