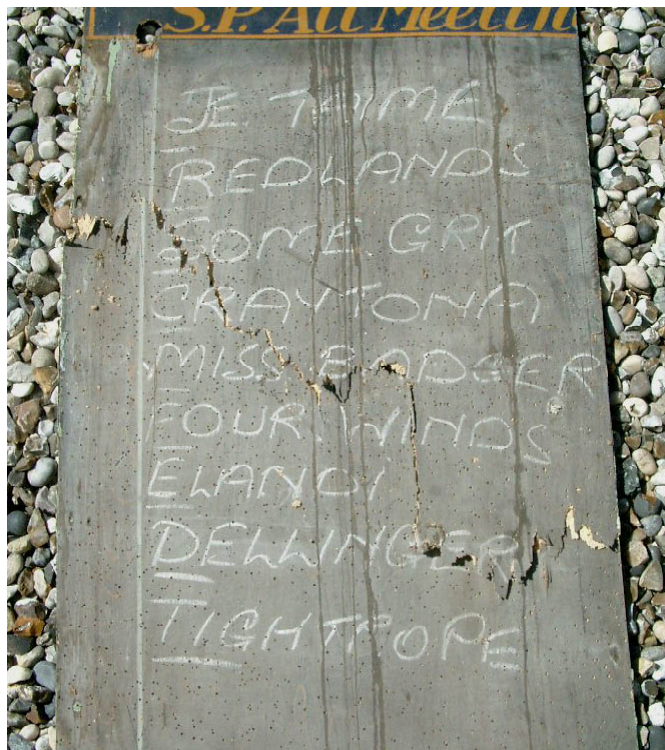


## The Relic that crumbled away



SOON after taking possession of Rous Cottage, Roy Thurston discovered one of the house's links with the Races that used to thunder past the front door. A panel lining the walls of a room at the back of the house turned out to be a bookies board, complete with the chalked runners of the day. Sadly, Roy's attempts to preserve the board were defeated by woodworm that have eaten every morsel of this tasty relic.

## Diamond celebration

Congratulation to our President, Ron White and his wife Dorrie who recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding



### GALLEYWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## Our Website pulls in a response

Our newsletter is reproduced on our website which seems to be attracting interest. The notice of our next meeting was particularly interesting to one visitor who sent us the email message below.

I am researching my family's background and am currently looking at my wife's grandparents. In the course of this I found that they came down from Scotland in about 1910 and resided at Lodge Farm, Galleywood until 1916. I was hoping to find a picture of Lodge Farm at about that time but my searches have proved fruitless. In a last attempt to find something I banged in Galleywood history on the internet and found your site. I then found that your meeting in September is about Lodge Farm. Has my prayer been answered? Now your site I found very good and interesting but one point is missing. I would like to come along to your meeting (I note visitors are welcome) but you do not give a time. Can you help me please?  
David Foster  
Blackmore End

Will Mark Tully have the answer to David's prayer? Come along and find out. We have replied to David's message and hope to meet him at our next meeting.

**Our next meeting**



## **THE HISTORY OF LODGE FARMHOUSE GALLEYWOOD**

*Originally constructed as a hunting lodge in an ancient deer park overlooking the river Wid in the early 14th century.*

**Speakers Mark and Ernest Tully**

**Wednesday 20 September 2006**

**Keene Hall Watchouse Road at 8 pm**

### **DATES for your Diary**

**2006**

**15 November**

**THE HISTORY OF INGATESTONE HALL  
AND THORNDON HALL**

Residences of the Petre Family since Tudor times  
Speaker Lord Petre, Lord Lieutenant of Essex  
The talk will be preceded by our AGM

**2007**

**14 March**

**SOME GALLEYWOOD FOLK –  
A FAMILY HISTORY**

Speaker Wendy Cummin, Family Historian

## **Galleywood Historical groups to merge**

**D**URING the work on the Galleywood Village Design Statement in 2004 the group working on the project came to realise that the information they had accumulated on the unlisted heritage buildings in the village should be recorded in a more permanent archive. In the autumn of that year the Ron White Archives were purchased by the Parish Council and the GVDSA was dissolved.

Early in 2005 the Parish Council employed a commercial operator to put the Archives into digital format and subsequently set about the task of indexing this mass of information. This work stalled due to other commitments by the Parish Council and in January 2006 a Heritage Steering Group was formed to co-ordinate the work of a small band of volunteers willing to become involved in the work of recording our village history. This enabled the indexing work to be completed. The Parish Council visualised an ongoing need for this recording work and recommended the setting up of an independent group to be devolved from the Parish Council with an Establishment Grant and options on the continued use of IT facilities and the Ron White Archives. This was agreed in May 2006 and Phil Walters was appointed chairman of this group.

This situation was presented to our committee by Phil Walters at our meeting on 24 May with the recommendation that the Heritage Group merge with the Historical Society. The objects of both groups are so closely aligned that it makes sense for them to merge. The Historical Society was formed to promote interest in the history of Galleywood and to preserve data relating to the history of the village. For nearly seven years we have stimulated considerable local interest in our village history. The one aspect of the subject that we have probably failed to get to grips with has been the recording of our research for posterity. We have retained the scripts of many local speakers but most of the outside speakers were anxious to retain the copyright on their presentations. The members of the Heritage Group have focussed on the recording aspect of local history. However in a village the size of Galleywood, the study of local history by two separate organisations could result in some duplication of effort and a merger of the two groups should bring benefits to both. The Heritage Group currently consists of eight people, actively engaged in research and recording under the leadership of Phil Walters. Our committee feels that this valuable work could continue and benefit from the support of the Historical Society. At the same time this enlargement of the scope of the GHS could develop a greater public profile for the Society in the village.

The details of the merger are now under consideration by our committee and a formal proposition is being prepared for our AGM in November.