



## Christine looks back on her day at the exhibition

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I WAS VERY PLEASED INDEED when the Historical Society asked me if I had any photographs or memorabilia they could use for an exhibition on rural life in Galleywood. Over the last forty years aided and abetted by John Chaplin, John Prime and my husband Peter, I had put together several hundred photos, approximately fifty taped interviews and various documents relating to the village.

This exhibition was a chance for some of the collection to have a wider audience. The displays were ready on time, the weather was good for January but would anyone turn up? We need not have worried – the Keene Hall was buzzing from 10 until 4. Many visitors were natives who had lived most of their lives in the community. Mrs Harry Denis (Daisy), aged 97 enjoyed telling people about life in the 1950s and Joan Payne (nee Lodge) talked about Brook Lane and Pipers Tye while Geoffrey Wilson reminisced about Galleywood School and Sunday School outings with the Rev Roughton. Many other old friends arrived, people who my brother Leslie and I had not seen for years.

It was also wonderful meeting up with people who had either left the village as children or had worked on the farms when young. It was a pleasure explaining to them that their individual history was important and that family 'snaps' were a very valuable source of information and interest to anyone interested in village history.

Many 'new' villagers turned up as well, obviously looking at the community in the past years but also hopefully looking for a role in the present village.

The W.I. by providing excellent food and welcome cups of tea enabled people to sit and relax, talk, reminisce and recall. A brilliant way to allow people to 'open up' on their memories. My whole family spent the day talking, in fact I was so hoarse the next day I could not speak on the phone. The exhibition was a great success, a tribute to the hard work of so many. We are very lucky in Galleywood to have such a committed group, collecting together a village archive. Many villages have nothing to approach the Galleywood collections. I, for one, am looking forward to seeing new and further exhibitions.

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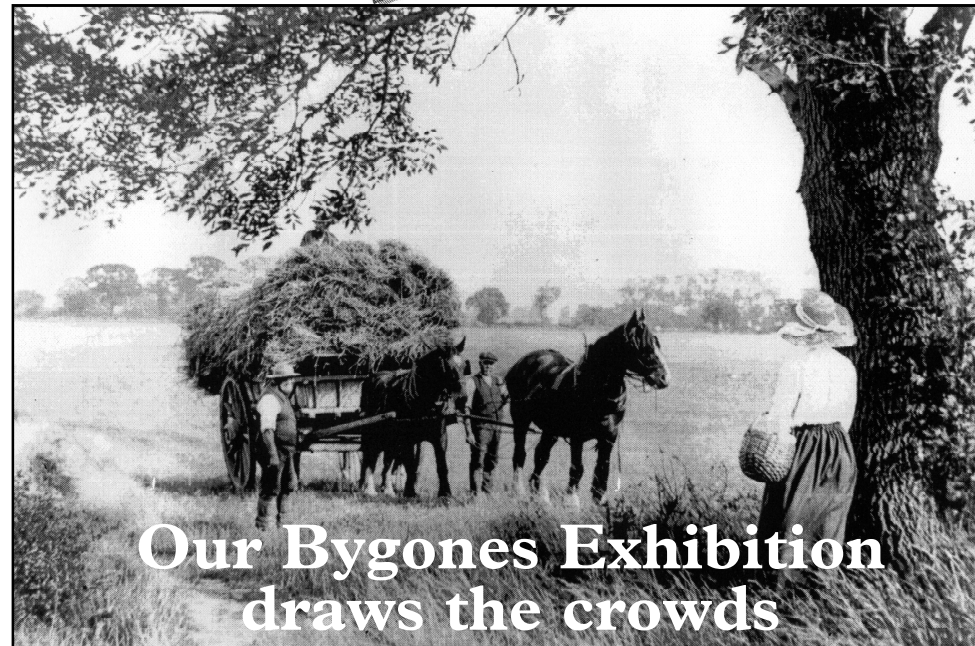
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# PAST TIMES

## GALLEYWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Over 200 visitors came to the Keene Hall in January to look round the display organised by our Research Group. The theme was *Bygone Days of Galleywood* and featured the many farms that once formed the mainstay of our community.

Many of the photos on show had not previously had a public viewing and attracted much interest. Most of the original farms were identified by plans showing their position on the old Tithe Map.

We are indebted to Christine Wybro, who provided most of the pictures and brought along an extensive range of documents on loan from the Essex Record Office. These included many original leases, Sale Notices and Plans that rarely see the light of day. Mark and Ernest Tully set up a display showing the history of Lodge Farm including a scale model, made by Ernest, of the

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Our next meeting

# Some Galleywood Folk - A Family History

Speaker  
**Wendy Cummin**



I have always wished that I had known my grandmother, but she died two months after my mother's birth, so it was not to be. Of course I learned a little about her short life before she died at 21 of TB. but I wanted more. And so I set about trying to learn more about her family. And this is how my passion for family history began. I wanted to tell their stories. Not just the facts, but their story, using local and social history as well.

In "Some Galleywood Folk" I have attempted to do just that; tell the story of one local family who have lived in the Galleywood area for about 200 years. You never know, you may even be related!

**Wednesday 14 March 2007**  
**Keene Hall Watchouse Road**  
**at 8 pm**

## DATES for your Diary

2007

6 June

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH STRUTT (1749-1802)  
BORN AT SPRINGFIELD MILL, EDUCATED AT  
CHELMSFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

His most famous book 'The Sports and Pastimes of the People of England' influenced the revival of the Olympic Games at Much Wenlock in Shropshire and the Modern Olympic Games to be held in London in 2012.

Speakers: **Ken Edwards**,  
Chairman Chelmsford Sport  
and **Ted Hawkins**

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timber frame of this Elizabethan Hunting Lodge. An interesting display of old farming implements was loaned by the Barleylands Farm Museum and a continuous slide showed the archive of pictures in the collection. An information table was available to provide visitors with the opportunity to add information to our archive of the village history.

We were honoured by a visit from the Mayor who toured the exhibition and showed great interest in the pictures on display. The W.I. were kept busy all day providing refreshments and snacks and our grateful thanks are due to Val Villa and her team.

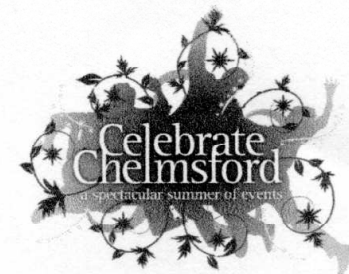
All in all this was a very good show and credit for a lot of hard work must go to Wendy Cummin, Phil Kemp, Malcolm Stuart, John Turkentine, Rosemary Wilsmer, Susan Wilson and Phil and Sarah Walters.

### Committee vacancies

Three of our committee members, John Turkentine, David Stevenson and Bob Villa have recently stepped down from our committee. As parish councillors they wanted to avoid a conflict of interest with other matters being discussed by the council. We would like to fill their spaces and so if you feel you would like to join our committee, please give David Stacy a call on 359215. We meet only four times during the year.

### Why the tickets?

This event is part of **Celebrate Chelmsford** – a spectacular summer of events in May, June and July. **Celebrate Chelmsford** is a programme of over 50 unique and entertaining events showcasing the best of what the borough and its community has to offer and managed by the Chelmsford Borough Council Special Events Team.



As publicity for our talk will reach a wider audience, we must have a way to control the numbers attending. All our paid-up members will, of course, be admitted free, but we need to reserve you a seat so **you must apply for a ticket**. Post your application form or apply by email to Ken Edwards. Members need send no money