

*In the course of her work transcribing our Parish Records, Wendy Cummin finds that many of the bare statistics are pointers towards intriguing revelations of Social History.*

## Telegram from the Queen?

THE BURIAL RECORDS of St Michael's from 1875 to 1992 reveal three centenarians who hopefully received the special telegram from the Queen. They were all female. And they are all buried in St Michael's churchyard. ANNIE SHELFORD was buried on 1st February 1962 aged 100, and she was living in Private Road at this time.

She was probably Annie Louisa Bridge, born in Billericay, who married Arthur Shelford in Dunmow in 1885. He was a farm worker from Great Easton, and he and Annie raised three daughters there. Daughter Annie was born about 1891, Emily in about 1895 and Bessie in 1900.

It seems likely that at least one of the daughters married and moved to Galleywood, and that mother Annie later lived with her in Galleywood. That would explain her burial here. But this is just speculation.

ELEANOR AGNES ANDREW was buried on 21st January 1970 aged 103, and her last address was High Street, Odiham in Hampshire. She is buried in the grave of her brother William Vellacott Andrew who died in 1942. He was a farmer at "Southlands" in Margareting. They both originated in Devon.

ETHEL ROTHWELL was buried on 22nd July 1992 aged 101, but no address is shown for her. She is the only Rothwell buried here between 1875 and 1992 and there are no baptisms of Rothwells. What is her connection with Galleywood?

It is possible that she was Ethel Helen Taylor who married James William Rothwell in Bishops Stortford in 1908, but there is no proof and no clue as to why she is buried in Galleywood.

Does anyone have any connections with any of these ladies?

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## Well Well Well, what a surprise!

**I**n March this year, Brian and Sue Blunden were having some alterations made to their home at *The Robins* in Margareting Road when they uncovered a surprise in the garden. A brick-lined 7 metre well was showing signs of water, which they subsequently



estimated to be about a metre deep. Before the arrival of mains water to Galleywood in 1930, many homes would have had one of these in their garden. The Blunden's well would probably have supplied water to the fifty or so allotments that occupied this area at the beginning of the twentieth century.

At nearby *Mill House*, the Knappets have a well, enclosed by a metal cover, close to their front door. Ray says 'The water level varies with the fluctuations in the water table. We don't draw any water to avoid upsetting the structure of the clay sub-soil on which the house stands.' Your editor found a well in the garden when he moved into *Haldon*. It had a galvanised cover with the name H.J.JENNINGS WELL SINKER CHELMSFORD. It was filled to the top with builders' rubble and the pipe refused to give up any evidence of water so he decided it was not worth excavating.

**Our next meeting**

*As an introduction to our Exhibition to be presented in November, four members of our Archive Group will talk about stories and incidents from the Great War*

## Stories from World War One



**Wendy Cummin**

'Galleywood Men'  
'Aftermath'



**Sarah Walters**

'Theodore Grace Barnes -  
His life and the  
merchant navy'



**Susan Wilson**

'Walter Jamman -  
from Stanway  
to Gournay.  
A tale of AVC Service'



**Rosemary Wilsmer**

'The flesh on the bones  
of an ancestor'

**Wednesday 17 September 2008**  
**Keene Hall Watchouse Road**  
**at 8 pm**

### **DATES for your Diary**

**2008**

**8 November**  
**19 November**

We present our EXHIBITION in the Keene Hall  
**HOW THE RAILWAY CAME TO  
CHELMSFORD AND THE CHANGES THIS  
BROUGHT ABOUT**  
Talk by Malcolm Stuart

**GALLEYWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

An Exhibition

# The Great War - Galleywood and Beyond



The village of Galleywood  
remembers its connection with the  
War that was to end all Wars

The Exhibition will be presented in  
The Keene Hall, Watchouse Road, Galleywood  
**Saturday 8 November 2008**

from 10am till 4pm

Admission £1 Children free

Refreshments by Galleywood WI

