



AS THE GROWTH of new houses progressed during the 70s, one house, on a large plot of land in Brook Lane, resisted the lure of development. *Glentworth* was built around 1917 by the Galleywood Builder Marven. It was the home of Mr & Mrs Egerton-Smith for over 45 years. Charles Smith was an engineer and used to make prototypes for patent purposes, working from an office and workshop at his home. It is said that he designed a simple car for used by

demobilised servicemen after the war in 1945 but the project was not taken up by manufacturers. On his death, Mrs Smith sold part of the land next to the house to Countryside Properties who put up two detached homes, numbers 17 and 19.

When *Glentworth* was demolished in 1977, the site was bought by Jenny Moody Properties who put four detached homes. Local concern over the fate of the large Beech tree was satisfied when a Tree Preservation order was awarded to the fine specimen. A plot on the eastern edge of the site was bequeathed by Mrs Smith to her neighbour, Eric Kearnes, and this remains undeveloped.

Could you be our treasurer?

When we elected Graham Mundy as our chairman in November, we created a vacancy for the job of treasurer. Graham is holding the fort for the time being but we really need to find someone to take over the job. I don't want to diminish the skills that Graham has applied to the job, but the task isn't too onerous. We record the subs received from members and write a few cheques through the year for Hall hire and various expenses. The bonus is that it includes attendance at four committee meetings. Graham would welcome the opportunity to discuss the job with you.

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A Link with the Past



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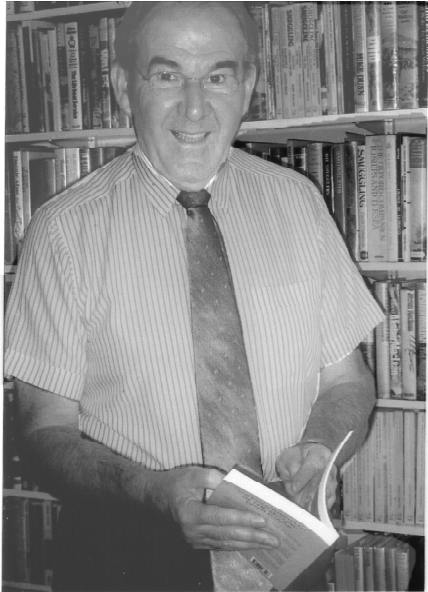
This picture of the pump at Galleyend appears on a website listing Village Pumps through the UK. The entry states that the wording on the photo is not clear enough for interpretation so I have emailed Robert Edwards with the details. Here are the words for the benefit of those of you who drive past at great speed.

REPLICA OF THE VILLAGE PUMP THAT STOOD ON PIPERS TYE UNTIL THE 1900s.
PRESENTED TO THE GALLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL BY NORMAN BAYES
ON THE 1ST FEBRUARY, 1987

Our next meeting

Smuggling in Essex

A talk by Graham Smith



GRAHAM SMITH has been writing books for nearly thirty years. His first: *Something to Declare* was published in 1980 and since then he has published another twenty four titles, mainly on aviation and maritime history.

Born and raised in South Wales, he first came to Essex in the 1960s and has lived in Ingatestone, Epping, Wanstead, Billericay and now in Chelmsford (on the borders of Galleywood). His first 'Essex' book – *Essex Airfields in the Second World War* – was published in 1996 and is now in its fifth reprint. This was followed, in 2005, by *Smuggling in Essex* and *Essex and its Race for the Skies: 1900 - 1939* two years later.

He now regards Essex as his 'adopted county' and whilst undertaking the research for his three Essex books has become fascinated with its history and heritage.

His current writing project is his personal view and appreciation of the county's deep, rich and varied heritage, due for publication in 2010

Wednesday 11 March 2009
Keene Hall Watchouse Road at 8 pm

DATES for your Diary

2009

3 June GALLEYWOOD COMMON 1400 - 1800
THE WAY WE WERE THEN by Christine Whybro

16 September GALLEYWOOD COMMON 1800 - 2009
THE WAY WE ARE NOW by Leslie Whybro

Don't delay looking into your Family history, says Wendy Cummin

SO MANY PEOPLE SAY 'I'd love to research my family history when I have the time'. But we really shouldn't delay.

Those elderly relatives hold the keys to our family history; if we wait we may lose forever the chance to hear their stories. Because family history is not just about gathering cold facts and building a tree, but about telling the story of our family.

The fact that we are here today proves an unbroken line back through history. If our ancestors had not survived the wars and plagues we would not be here today. We will never know the names of our earliest ancestors, but we know they existed!



Tracing our family back through parish records, certificates and censuses we begin to feel that we know them, and there is often the strange sensation that they want their story told.

On Saturday 31st January, the archive group of the GHS, supported by Christine Whybro Potter and John Turkentine, held a short Family History session at the Keene Hall which proved very popular. It seems there are many others who feel as we do about family history. About 25-30 people browsed the displays showing examples of parish records, census entries and certificates and other useful resources, and many questions were raised by our visitors. We also displayed some of our own family stories and researches and offered advice where possible. Computers were available, thanks to John Turkentine, which enabled us to demonstrate some useful internet resources. The session was very well received and a good time was had by all.

We hope to repeat this session and perhaps even hold regular 'workshops' in the future.