

# Andover History and Archeology Society

## Newsletter

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AFTER such a long time when we have been unable to meet, it was so good to see and chat with the thirty members who joined our practice Zoom session earlier this month. If, for whatever reason, you missed that session but would still like some help to become a confident zoomer, do get in touch and we will arrange something for you.

Although it is much more enjoyable to meet in person, Zoom does have the great benefit that it will let you join in with our meetings and hear the talks wherever you happen to be during the coming months – you just need your PC, tablet or phone and an internet connection.

You will see from the programme that the Dacre is not in its usual April slot. We have moved it to October in the hope that we will be able to have the event 'in person' but if the covid risk remains that too will be delivered by Zoom.

I hope that, like me, you have found your interest in local history to have been very helpful in keeping the 'little grey cells' exercised during lockdown and that it will continue to add variety to your days until we return to normal.

With best wishes,

Erica

Erica Tinsley  
Chair

## AHAS Upcoming Events 2021

- January 22      **Historical Ecology: How Studies of the Natural World can Provide Insights into Human History.** Ben Kite.  
This will be a Zoom talk
- February 26      **Graffiti in Salisbury Cathedral: The Walls that Talk.**  
Steve Dunn. (former head guide of at the cathedral)  
Zoom talk
- March 26      **Policing Andover & District during WW2.**  
Clifford Williams. Zoom talk
- Followed by **AGM**
- April 23      **Women in the Army in the First World War.** Dan Allen.  
Zoom talk
- May 21      **Rails around Andover: 180 years of North Hampshire Railway History** by Dave Allen  
Zoom talk.
- June 25      **Village Walk - Barton Stacey** with Linda Moffat
- July / August      Summer Break
- September 24      **A History of Bells and Belling** by Jane Tarrant  
**Venue: Weyhill Fairground Village Hall**
- October 22      **Dacre Lecture**  
**Gold from the time of Stonehenge.** David Dawson.  
**Venue: Weyhill Fairground Village Hall**
- November 26      **Red Rice** by Dianne Rawlings  
Venue: TBC
- December 10      **Members Talks**  
Venue: TBC

## Reminder...

This coming Friday, 22 January, will be an historic moment - AHAS will hold its first online ZOOM talk! Because it is the first time we have offered a talk in this way, the committee thought it would be good to have a good professional speaker. You will not be disappointed by Ben; he is knowledgeable and passionate about his subject and won't fail to inspire.

You can join the meeting from **7.15pm** onwards and the talk will start at 7.30pm.

To join the meeting click on the link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83594118308?  
pwd=MDcld2dYb3BxOHlJS2M3bnR3WVVXdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83594118308?pwd=MDcld2dYb3BxOHlJS2M3bnR3WVVXdz09)

Should you need them:

Meeting ID: 835 9411 8308

Passcode: 944983

You should also have received an email from Erica with these instructions.

In these mind-blurring days of lockdown, let's hope we all know when it is Friday!!

## Development of Andover

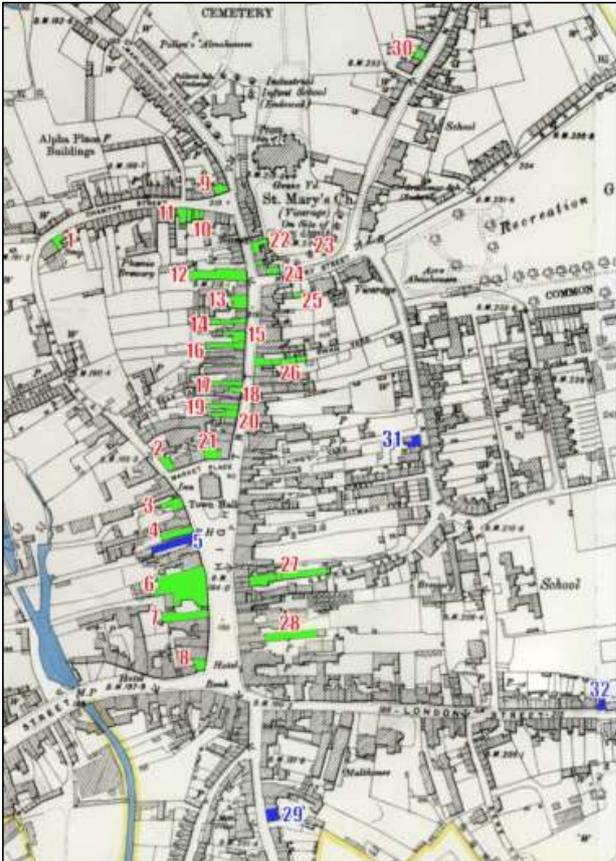
The Newsletter can always rely on Martin Copen for an article - often an amusing snippet- but this time it's serious and informative. This article was prepared some time ago, but this month seems an appropriate time to include it, as TVBC is embarking on a consultation exercise to review Andover's conservation area.

**List and Map of Andover Town Buildings with pre-1647 elements known to have survived until the 1960s-1970s Development**

The town fire of 1647 is known to have affected 82 households and Robert Mountayne’s business—butchery and, possibly, innholding—causing estimated losses totalling £40,000 [£7.6 million in 2019 values]. Mountayne’s personal losses were a considerable £800 (£152k in 2019).<sup>1</sup>

The area affected by the fire is not well documented. There are three theories as to which part of the town was destroyed. Tony Raper argued it was the lower west half of the upper High Street, between nos.17-21 on the map, north of the Guildhall, right back down to the river.<sup>2</sup> John Spaul located it on the east side of the market, as far as East Street, then called Back Lane, between nos.26-27-31.<sup>3</sup> Winchester Street and lower High Street, between nos.28-29, was George Brickell’s assumption, because Mountayne owned land there.<sup>4</sup>

The map attempts to assess the reported archaeology of buildings, mostly timber-framed, in which elements *stylistically* dated as pre-1647 survived: *scientific* timber analysis was not undertaken. The map and table use two sources: Richard Warmington, *Timber Framed Building in Andover* (Andover Local Archives Committee, Records No.5, 1970); and Sara Champion, *Andover: The Archaeological Implications of Development* (The Andover and District Excavation Committee, 1973). It is offered as a contribution to the debate.



Nos.	Location of Building	By 2020	From	Dates (later) and notes
1	Ford Cottage, 55 Chantry St	reloc.	1600	framed [now 102 High Street]
2	37 High Street	demol.	1550	with 17C Work
3	31 High Street	demol.	1575	parts
4	25 High Street	demol.	1500	framed
5	23 High Street, Globe Hotel	surv.	1650	1750
6	11-15 High St, Waterloo H'se	demol.	1534	incorp. remains of Bell Inn, 1700
7	9 High Street	surv.	1534	parts, rest 18C/19C
8	1 High Street	surv.	1575	parts
9	2 Chantry Street	surv.	1600	framed
10	11-15 Chantry Street	surv.	1450	framed
11	17 Chantry Street	surv.	1600	framed
12	95 High Street, Angel Inn	surv.	1445	framed
13	89 High Street	surv.	1445	in parts
14	85 High Street	demol.	1550	in 1795, 2 tenements
15	81 High Street	demol.	1450	cellar; 1550, parts; 1700, rest
16	79 High Street	demol.	1575	with 18C recons.
17	73 High Street	demol.	1550	in parts, remainder 1733
18	71 High Street	demol.	1625	parts 18C
19	65 High Street	demol.	1600	largely rebuilt 1968
20	63 High Street	demol.	1600	with 17C work
21	49 High Street	demol.	1630	framed
22	90 High Street	surv.	1475	framed
23	86 High Street	surv.	1600	framed
24	84 High Street, part	surv.	1500	framed
25	4 Newbury Street	demol.	1500	
26	64 High Street, Black Swan	surv.	1550	framed
27	George Hotel, George Yard	surv.	1586	most 18C
28	6 High Street	surv.	1600	framed
29	21 Winchester St, Lamb Inn	surv.	1650	some framing
30	19 New Street	surv.	1600	some framing
31	33 East Street	demol.	1650	framed
32	99 London Street	demol.	1650	& later

**Notes**—OS 25in Map 1900: green with red numbers, pre-1647 features; blue fill and numbers, marginal mid-C17 features.

1. E L Jones, S Porter & M Turner, 'A Gazetteer of English Urban Fire Disasters, 1500-1900', *Historical Geography Research Series* No.13, Aug 1984 (Norwich, 1984), p.17. T F Kirby, *The Annals of Winchester College* (Winchester, 1891) p.335 Bursar’s Account Book, *Distributio pauperibus*—1647

2. Anthony C Raper, *Andover: The Civil War and Interregnum* (Andover, 2nd ed., 1994), pp.50-1

3. John Spaul, *Andover 950-1974* (Andover, 2008), p.71

4. George Brickell, correspondence with Winchester College Archivist, P J Gwyn, Dec 1968-Feb 1969, held by the College. Brickell also intriguingly notes, 'What is now puzzling my archaeologically minded friends is the absence of any signs of burning in the [Chantry Centre development] area.'

## News from 'Down Under'

Some members will remember former Andoverians Ian and Kathy Barnes who, even after many years in Australia, still keep in touch with AHAS. Kathy thought members would be interested in their recent Covid 19 experiences and Christmas "down under". Thanks to Chris Coffin for sharing this letter.

"We are sort of enjoying the warmth of summer, though up to the last week it was very hit and miss. We had cold mornings reminiscent of an English winter, then a sunny day with temperature about 19C, a bit on the chilly side for our summer. The next day would be sunny and 38C, back to a 19-22C day, so one never knew what to wear unless you had heard the forecast the night before. But the last week has been more settled - we had 3 days consecutive of 41C, a bit hot but fine if you spent it indoors in the air conditioning - as we did. Christmas day was beautiful, and spent it at son & daughter-in-law's place with the family. We went home with our son and wife who live nearest us and of course the car was air conditioned and it didn't take us long to be on the road after saying our goodbyes and we got home ready for a "cuppa".

"In our premier lockdown affecting all of Western Australia, we weren't allowed to visit the next bubble ( tier in UK) and if you lived in a bubble and needed to go to work or pass through to get to work in the next bubble you had to get a letter from your employer. It worked well - we only had 100 people who caught the virus. (Ten of them died). Many of those came off cruise ships that docked at Freemantle. Maritime law says if the ship docks in that country they must take off any sick people, which we did. The ship was then put into quarantine and not allowed to leave Freemantle for two weeks, and only then as there were no more cases. Most of those who passed came off the cruise ships and a few off an iron ore carrier. We were all glad to see the ships go and not to have any more cases.

"We were in lockdown for six months if that's any consolation to you, but it did the trick - no shopping or going anywhere past the end of our driveway. Our youngest son did the shopping from my email list, which he put it in the garage. emailed a list for after he had left I would go and get the shopping in, he got most of the things we wanted.

We are now out of lockdown except for Sydney and they are still closed off for travel to and from us, as they have a large number of cases once more. They blame international travel which stopped was forbidden here, it cost a lot of jobs but it beat the virus for us. Sydney is following our lead and last count they had approx. 115 people with the virus."

Take care stay safe and may 2021 be a happy healthy year for all.

Best wishes from sunny Perth  
Kathy & Ian"

## ZOOM...ZOOM...ZOOM

It will come as no surprise that many organisations are offering access to online Zoom talks, some are free, some have a £5.00 price tag. Here is selection of those available.

### From Hampshire Records Office:

Records of Poverty for Family and Local History - Thursday 11 February 2021, 6pm-7pm

A City Cinè Club: Portsmouth Cinè Club 1935-1939 - Friday 5 February 2021, 5pm-6.15pm

Census Returns for Local and Family History - Tuesday 16 March 2021, 6pm-7pm

Tickets must be booked in advance; for further details, go to the online shop: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php?cat=513>. The link will take you to HRO, where you will find details of how to book.

### At the National Archives...

Digital records are available on their website free of charge for the time being, as the reading room service is suspended.

Registered users will be able to order and download up to ten items at a time, to a maximum of 100 items over 30 days. Registration is free.

Check out the following:

#### Top Level Tips

A 30-minute expert-led webinars to help you learn how to start your research in your area of interest. Includes a live Q&A. Click on a link below to take you directly to the National Archives for more information.

[Discovering your family history](#)  
[23 January, 10:00](#)

[Records of railway workers](#)  
[13 February, 10:00](#)

[Discovering your local history](#)  
[30 January, 10:00](#)

Using Discovery: our online catalogue  
[23 February, 10:00](#)

[First World War army records](#)  
[6 February, 10:00](#)