

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

35 Barnfield Road,  
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Though the year 1961 ended with a gratifying increase in membership, we deplore the inevitable loss of some of our older members.

Our thanks go out to Mr. Goacher who, ~~often~~ at some inconvenience, has so faithfully carried out his duties as chairman.

The small but most energetic Town Planning Sub-Committee has been most vigilant regarding threats against the visual amenities of the village.

Members of this Society together with representatives from The Harpenden Urban District Council and the Chamber of Trade met in the Council chamber to consider what could be done to improve the Highways and Byways of the immediate district. We are to have the advice of an independent architectural expert, and we await this with some eagerness.

Our Schools Competition has caused the staff of the Public Library to be strangely busy answering enquiries regarding facts of Harpenden's history, and we learn that certain parents have been subjected to searching questions as to the whereabouts of places, as for example - Vinegar Lane!

One of the last of many acts of courtesy shown to this Society by the late Mr. F.A. Harris was to supervise personally the unearthing from the Strong Room of Harpenden Hall a very large parcel of drawings, prints and photographs of Old Harpenden, most of which had been deposited by the late Messrs D.M. Wilson and V. Hodgson.

A selection of these has been made, and, when mounted and framed will, by permission of the Library Committee, be shown in the Reference Room of the Public Library.

Annual Outing 1962

Saturday, May 26th has been fixed for this when we hope to visit Albery Manor (Surrey) and Guildford Cathedral.

My colleague, Mr. Clack, has asked me to make the following entry:-

"Subscriptions for 1962 are now due from all members (except those who have joined since Oct.1st 1961). Would they please use the attached envelope, and, with the appropriate enclosure, drop it in the box at the Cashier's desk, Kingston House."

Obedience to this behest would considerably lighten the labour of our Hon. Treasurer.

At our last A.G.M. several suggestions were made as to methods for increasing our membership. One of the best brought forward a year ago is still applicable today!

Attached you will find an Admission Form. Do you think you could persuade a friend to fill it in

Yours sincerely, RA Finch (Hon Sec?)