

## Book us for Local History Walks

*For clubs, local interest groups and friends.*

*Fee - £4 per person*

*Walks last for about one & a half hours.*

### **Around Fleetville**

- **Made in Fleetville.** Visit the sites of factories and workshops which were the lifeblood of Fleetville until the late 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- **Shopping in Fleetville.** Stories about numerous busy shops along the Hatfield Road between The Crown and The Rats' Castle.
- **Living in Fleetville.** Tour the roads north of the Hatfield Road to find out how Fleetville developed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- **Along Camp Road.** A fascinating trip along an ancient road. Farms, orchards, nurseries, print works, pubs, shops ... and mystery!
- **Along Cambridge Road.** A typical suburban road developed by numerous builders over the years.

### **At Hatfield Road Cemetery**

*We celebrate the lives of people buried there; some famous, others not so well-known ... and a few quite notorious!*

- **Baker's Dozen**
- **Pioneers**
- **Private Lives**
- **Friends and Family**

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Below are the titles we offer; more details about content can be found on our website. Please telephone for bookings.

### **Mike Neighbour:**

*Donation on application to Mike Neighbour.*

- A Crown Story
- Beaumonts: a story of two manors.
- Camp: the place on the hill.
- Fleetville: a game of consequences.
- Flicks in Fleetville.
- The Chalk Rooms of London Colney.
- Hill End: What Lies Beneath.
- Cell Barnes: What Lies Beneath.
- East to Smallford.
- Paying the Price: Reading & Hatfield Turnpike.
- St Albans' Own East End: an overview.
- Letting photographs tell the story.
- Letting 'Herts Ad' photographs tell the story.

Website: [fleetvillediaries.org](http://fleetvillediaries.org)

*To book walks & talks, email us via our 'Contact Us' webpage*

### **Fleetville Diaries Committee**

Alex Bell

David Gaylard

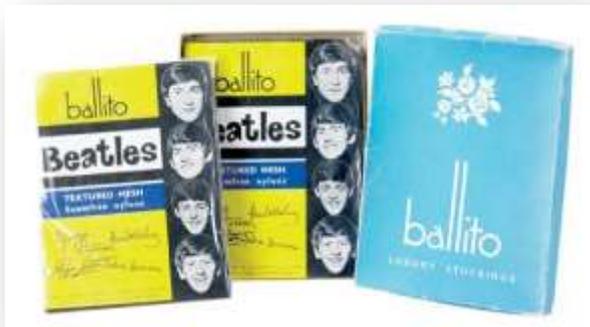
Romayne Hutchison

Anne Marie Kelly

Mike Neighbour

Terry Swain

Annual membership is £12. Members have free entry to any Fleetville Diaries' event. (This concession does not apply to excursions where costs are variable.)



# FLEETVILLE diaries

Beaumont Avenue project 2019



Our visit to the BA Centre, Heathrow



Artisan housing Woodstock Road South



80th anniversary of Home Guard formation 1940



Sander/Moon tribute event  
July 2019.  
WENDY HYAMS



Enjoyment in Clarence Park



Larks in the Parks, Fleetville Rec 2019



## Events Calendar 2020

**Wed Jan 29th at 19:30**

**Children of the Camps.** A talk by Mike Neighbour, following the challenging lives of children born into displaced persons camps, and how they fared later. Annual membership renewal. Fleetville Community Centre; guests £4

**Wed Feb 26th at 19:30**

**Bart's in Herts.** Sarah Graham and Sue Gaylard recall the removal of St Bartholomew's Teaching Hospital to Hill End in 1939. Fleetville Community Centre; guests £4

**Sat March 21st**

**Excursion: Cinema Museum, Lambeth** at 14:00. Entry £7.00 per person. Book your place via [dgaylard6@gmail.com](mailto:dgaylard6@gmail.com) Travel details to be forwarded later.

**Wed March 25th at 19.30**

**The Straw Hat Industry in St Albans.** When did this key industry start and who were its leaders? Jon Mein weaves the story. Fleetville Community Centre; guests £4

**Wed April 29th at 19:30**

**St Albans: a 20th Century Odyssey.** A virtual tour led by St Albans Tour Guides. Fleetville Community Centre; guests £4

**Fri May 15th at 10:00**

**Excursion: The Hospitals in Highfield Park** A morning in the Park with Sarah Graham and Sue Gaylard, including a 1.5 hour walk followed by a small exhibition and light refreshment. Suggested donation to HPT £4.00 pp; advance booking not necessary; meet at the Visitor Centre, Hill End Lane.

**Sat May 23rd at 14:00**

**Laid to Rest: The Baker's Dozen.** A guided story walk visiting a few of the earliest burials at Hatfield Road Cemetery; meet outside the Cemetery Chapel; guests £4

**Sat June 6th at 14:00**

**The Fleetville Diaries' Garden Party.** Members and invited guests only.

**Sat June 20th at 14:00**

**Laid to Rest: Pioneers.** A guided story walk following the lives of former residents of this city and their pioneering lives. Hatfield Road Cemetery; meet outside the Cemetery Chapel; guests £4

**Sun July 5th from 12:00 to 17:00**

**Larks in the Park on Fleetville Rec.** The Fleetville Diaries stand will feature our recent projects, and we will be able to chat comprehensively about Fleetville! Fleetville Recreation Ground; free event

**Sat July 18th at 14:00**

**Laid to Rest: Private Lives.** A further story walk, telling the story of former residents not in public life but who nevertheless left their mark. Hatfield Road Cemetery; meet outside the Cemetery Chapel; guests £4

**Sat Aug 22nd at 14:00**

**Laid to Rest: Family and Friends.** The final story walk in the series, about former residents of St Albans. Hatfield Road Cemetery; outside the Cemetery Chapel; guests £4

**Wed Sep 9th**

**Excursion: Thames Boat Trip, Westminster to Richmond.** Max 15 persons. Book your place via [terrswain35@live.co.uk](mailto:terrswain35@live.co.uk). Travel details to be forwarded later.

**Wed Sep 30th at 19:30**

**Family history stories and workshop.** Bring along a family story and discover new sources of information which will help to bring your own relatives' history to life. Fleetville Community Centre; guests £4

**Wed Oct 28th at 19:30**

**The Ballito Works:** This is the extended story of the hosiery mill on the site where Fleetville began; those who brought it here, invested in it, worked, marketed the output and finally closed it down. Fleetville Community Centre; guests £4

**Wed Nov 25th at 19:30**

**AGM followed by Pick 'n' mix:** just you wait and see! Fleetville Community Centre; guests £4

**Wed Dec 16th at 19:30**

**Christmas Special:** members only; venue to be announced nearer the time.

## Fleetville Diaries' Activities

### BALLITO

As one of the foremost large businesses in Fleetville, Ballito Hosiery Mill made silk and then nylon stockings. 2020 is the second and final year in our exploration of this hugely successful firm, capturing recollections from families, technical research on the machine and product advances, the marketing strategy, wartime changes, and how the company arrived in St Albans in the first place.

### FLEETVILLE INFANTS SCHOOL

We are now in our second year working with the Year 1 and Year 2 classes in their local history activities.

### WIKIPEDIA ENTRY

After a delay we are finally creating an entry for Fleetville to be included in the online encyclopaedia. Currently there is no reference to the district and we would like to put that right.

### FLEETVILLE STREETSCAPES

This will be a rather different kind of project in that we will have no idea where the conversation will take us, but we aim to explore the architecture and layouts of our streets and the buildings along them. We might even turn up a few surprises.