

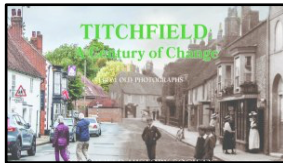


Titchfield History Society Newsletter

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Titchfield a Century of Change

A book of selected photographs from a century ago, matched with present day images.



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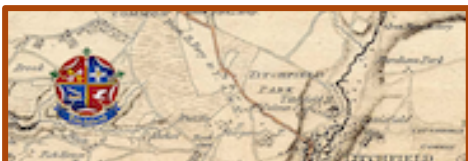
THS Talks

THS Talks Cancelled

Sadly, given the circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus outbreak, the Titchfield History Society has decided to cancel the remaining talks for this year. The situation will be reviewed in early 2021 when it is hoped we can make arrangements to meet.

Titchfield History Online

Titchfield History Society, like many organizations, have had to adapt in these difficult times. But you can still learn more about our unique village by visiting our own website 'Titchfield History' (<https://titchfieldhistory.co.uk>). Currently featuring a series of articles on the Titchfield Canal.



DEATH BY DYSENTERY OR DESIGN?

Henry Wriothesley, 3rd Earl of Southampton, met his end at Bergen op Zoom in Holland, dying in a military camp of dysentery on 10 November 1624. That is a fact, but such were the strained political relationships of the period that it was rumoured that the Earl had been poisoned at the instigation of George Villiers, the duke of Buckingham.

Villiers was a court favourite of James I and a close friend and advisor of his son, Charles I, and he and the earl of Southampton were political enemies. The rumour that the Earl had died through foul play engineered by Buckingham therefore was taken as credible.

When Buckingham got his come-uppance a few years later you can find this curious entry in the Titchfield Parish register for August 1628.

'The Lord Duke of Buckingham was slayne at Portsmouth the 23rd daie of August being Saturday, generall of the fleete by sea and land, whose name was George Villiers, Right Honorable..

It appears like a matter-of-fact record but it surely has no place in a parish register, which had no connection at all to the duke. One might suspect that the cleric who recorded this rejoiced in the demise of the duke who was believed to be the nemesis of the third Earl.



Lord Duke of Buckingham

Some years later, after the death of Buckingham, a written petition emerged from a Dr Eglisam, who had been physician to the Marquis of Hamilton, who had died in 1625.

Eglisam testified that the duke of Buckingham had planned to do away with his enemies, the Marquis of Hamilton, the Earl of Southampton, and King James I by poison. The claim was taken seriously at the time and the petition was printed.

If Eglisam is to be believed, then there was certainly some intent on the part of Buckingham to move against the Earl. As it turned out, nature did his dirty work for him.

Bryan Dunleavy 2020

An invite to a Mayflower talk

There is a great deal of controversy concerning the actual departure point of the Mayflower and the Pilgrim Fathers from England for America. Several cities claim ownership, not least, Southampton. In actual fact there were several departure points as well as stops along the way.

Southampton was the place the disparate groups of pilgrims first joined together, some coming from Rotherhithe, the ship's home-port, in London. Sixty five in all joined the ship there in mid July 1620. The Mayflower then departed for Southampton. Just over 400 years ago, the Pilgrim Fathers left **Southampton** to embark on their **historic** transatlantic voyage on August 15 1620.

Hampshire Archives Trust is inviting history buffs to an online talk using zoom on 22 September at 7.30pm

The speaker: Dr Cheryl Butler, HAT Trustee. Dr Cheryl Butler is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, Honorary Fellow of the University of Winchester and is a member of the editorial board for the Southampton Records Series and the Hampshire Papers.

She has published a number of books and papers, which have drawn upon the archives from the Southampton Archives Office and Hampshire Record Office

The talk: 'Ascupart's Children - Black History in the greater Southampton region 1500-1900' drawn from archival material in Southampton and Hampshire.

Background: In looking at ways to respond to the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower, Southampton wanted to reflect on responses to migration in the centuries following the events of 1620. It was particularly keen to explore what archives and materials survive which reflect the history of BAME communities.



Thirty stories will be highlighted with links to sources, a tale of Royal Trumpeters, Tudor Divers, Servants & Fine Ladies as well as darker tales of slavery and plantations.

With thanks to Heritage Lottery Fund, Mayflower 400 & Southampton City Council.

What you need to do to attend:-

Have the software on your computer (download for free from <https://zoom.us/support/download>)

At the join a meeting prompt

Add the meeting ID 825 4937 6816 and passcode 793426

Have you an interesting story about your family in Titchfield that you would like to share? Write about 350 - 500 words, plus any images and send them to - phil.burner@gmail.com