



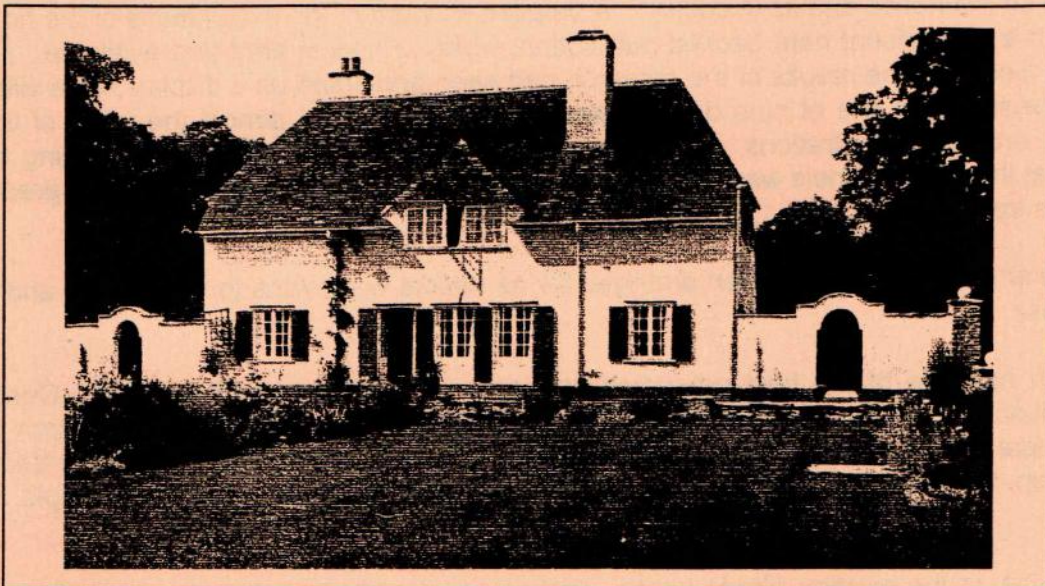
TIMES PAST

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IDENTIFY THIS KENNINGTON PROPERTY AND WIN £10.00.



This picture appeared in a 'for sale' advertisement in a 1924 issue of *Country Life*. The House was named **HALSHANGER** : but what is it called now and where is it. Entries to George Ross at 163 Bagley Close - or by telephone 01865 - 739208 by 19th December 2005, there will be a draw if more than one correct entry is received

CONGRATULATIONS ROGER

It is pleasing to report that one of the Society's Committee Members, Roger Gelder, has been awarded the University's Certificate in Higher Education (Archaeology). Roger is to receive his Certificate at the Sheldonian Theatre in the Spring.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

You will have received with your Autumn copy of the Newsletter a new printed form to assist with the renewal of your membership.

SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

The two latest History Society booklets have proved very popular with in particular Shirley Jones's '*Evacuees Tell Their Stories*' setting new standards. It is hoped to maintain progress with this aspect of the Society's activities in the new year with the publication of a basic '*History of Kennington*' from the first mention of the village by name in 821 right up to the present day. This booklet, which will include copies of many of the old maps of the area, has a working title of '*The Kennington Story*'

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

'Tis a sharp remedy, but a sure one for all ills'

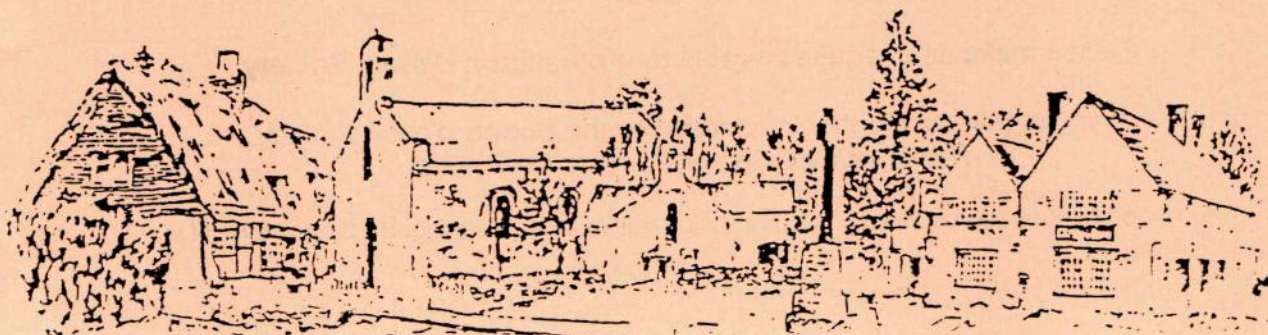
Sir Walter Raleigh 1618
before being beheaded!

'Thank god I have done my Duty'

Horatio Nelson 1805

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see overleaf for the programme for 2005/2006.



CRITICS CHOICE

THE CHALGROVE VISIT

The Autumn meeting of the Oxfordshire Local History Association was held at Chalgrove and Chalgrove History Society had arranged visits to some of the delights of the village for those attending.

The first of these was the site of "Barentin's Manor", a 13th century moated manor house, which was demolished in 1485. As well as the excavations of the manor house site, considerable research had been done on the house and its occupiers. A detailed account of the excavations of the house has been produced in a magnificent hard backed publication, which is now in print and available. For the visit of the History Societies the results of the research had been presented as a display in the village hall. The display consisted of a line of nine display panels stretching across almost the width of the village hall with maps, drawings, illustrations, etc. It was only after we'd spent some time reading these that we realised that the line of panels was double sided! The amount of work involved in the preparation of the display was tremendous.

The two other delights that had been arranged for us visitors were visits to the church, and to Chalgrove Manor House.

The Church has one of the best preserved sequence of Mediaeval wall painting. Quoting from the excellent illustrated book which has been produced, "The chancel of Chalgrove Church is one of the most complete Works of Art of the first Half of the 14th Century in England." We were treated to a very well research, illustrated talk, by the author of the book, on the paintings and given ample opportunity to view them.

The other visit, to the existing Manor house, was equally significant. We were given a detailed guided tour of the house (including crawling through the roof space, for those who didn't mind dirty clothes) by the owners. The Manor house is very rarely open to the public and obviously this visit had put the owners to considerable trouble. The house was purchased nearly 20 years ago as an early Victorian or late Georgian farmhouse. Repair work necessitated removal of the pebble dash outside rendering, exposing a beautiful time-framed building, (in need of considerable repair), with much of the structure dating from about 1460, and with some evidence of an even earlier building. The house has been sensitively restored, with many significant features exposed. For instance, the oak, cross screen dividing the main hall, has been Carbon Dated to about 1240. Again, an excellent produced booklet is available.

Peter Hooper

PROGRAMME

19th December 2005	Social History from Photographs - <i>Nigel Hammond</i>
16th January 2006	History of Christ Church Cathedral Part Two - <i>Jim Godfrey</i>
20th February 2006	Annual General Meeting and Members' Evening

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Family Membership	£14.00	Single Members	£8.00
Student	£ 5.00	Distant members	£3.00
Non member/Visitor			£2.00

Please make all cheques payable to: Kennington History Society

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