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Hospital Sunday, May 1922 – outside *The Fox and Hounds* public house, Mulford's Hill, Tadley

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About us

Tadley and District History Society (TADS) was founded in 1984 for people with an interest in local social history, and in the broader scope of history and natural history. Monthly evening talks are held on the third Wednesday of each month, except August, at 8.00pm in St Paul's Church Hall, Tadley. These meetings are open to visitors.

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In this issue we celebrate the 20th birthday of TADS. We hope to be forgiven for singing its praises. Our membership continues to increase reflecting a successful mixture of education, enjoyment, entertainment and charitable activities. If you have not yet attended a TADS meeting, we look forward to welcoming you in 2005.

The lost village of Tadley

The object of this project is to organise an archaeological field study to discover, if possible, the precise location of the first village of Tadley. The first part of the project was a literature search on known Medieval sites in the Tadley area and a first attempt to identify the most likely location for the village.

Reference [1] describes Tadley as a Medieval hamlet and mentions that it was first documented in AD 909 as *Taganleage* (Toad-frequented wood or clearing). Reference [2] defines the period from 909 to 1539 as early medieval to medieval.

Archaeological evidence that the village may be in the vicinity of St Peter's Church is a spread of Medieval activity noted during cable work in that area [2] and the proximity of the 16C. Hatch Cottage [3]. Another archaeological find is a linear feature of unknown period, in the field across the road from the St Peter's Church. This is probably a ploughed out trackway or lynchet (boundary ridge or unploughed strip) [4]. There is an aerial photograph of this feature at the Hampshire County Council (HCC) Environment Department in Winchester.

Written evidence for the existence of an earlier village comes from State Papers. On 14 November 1634 a Ralph Hillier made a formal complaint against Henry Ludlow of Tadley Place that he had pulled down 10-12 houses, including the church house, in Tadley [5].

Metal detecting in the Tadley and Pamber Green area has revealed scattered finds of Medieval coins including Henry III half coins and an Edward III penny. A 15th-16th century dagger hilt has also been found. However, such finds would not necessarily indicate the presence of a village.

The most likely site for the village would appear to be the fields around St Peter's Church. Those fields that lie South, East and North of the church, slope away fairly steeply. The West field, which is relatively high and flat, is perhaps the most likely location. Experts may be able to judge otherwise.

In order to carry out a field study we would need permission from the owner of the land and help from an expert to organise the study. If anyone can help with either of these aspects, please contact Heather Lawn on 0118 981 6699 or email: heather@lawnray.force9.co.uk.

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Heather Lawn

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The first twenty years

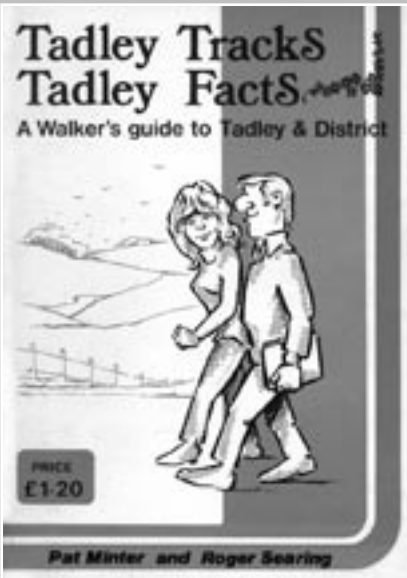
From just talks in the early years to talks, research, popular publications, newsletters, free project papers, calendars, charity fund-raising and visits to places of interest, these developments show the progress of the Society in the twenty years since 1984. A fifty year time capsule has been provided and on occasions the local authority has consulted us. What next?



Roger Searing and Pat Minter; their friendship and shared interests greatly benefited TADS throughout their years as serving officers.



TADS 10th anniversary meeting, November 1994 – Linda Ridley (cakemaker), Arthur Attwood (cutting the cake) and Bob Brown.



Tadley and District Society (TADS) held its inaugural meeting on 21 November 1984 in St Paul's Church Hall, Tadley. This meeting was arranged as a result of the considerable interest shown in old photographs of local people and places and in illustrations borrowed from AWRE Aldermaston showing the history of Aldermaston Village, the Estate and the Airfield, which were displayed at the St Paul's Church Summer Fete in June 1984.

Twenty-eight people entered their names on a sheet of paper hurriedly produced and headed "LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY – ARE YOU INTERESTED?". The first name on the list was Mr E W (Ernie) Kimber. Subsequently a notice was placed in the local newspaper and in the church

magazine announcing the inaugural meeting and a potential Chairman was sought.

Mr Roger Searing, a retired headmaster of the Burnham Cope Junior School, who had produced a number of historical articles on Tadley and Reading for a Reading newspaper and who was also co-author of the booklet *Tadley Tracks, Tadley Facts* published in 1982, was approached and was prepared to accept the post of Chairman of the Society.

The inaugural meeting was held and Roger and other officers were elected: Bob Brown, Joan Davis, Patrick 'Pat' Minter, Judith Goodchild, Marie Lelliot, Rosemary Knowles, Derek Ward and Alan Albury, whose wife Stephanie provided the society's hand-printed

posters for several years. Sadly, two of these founder members have since died, Pat Minter in 1995 and Roger Searing in 1997.

The meeting was much encouraged by the support and advice given by Mr and Mrs Woodruff of the Mortimer Local History Group, and Mr John Oliver of the Basingstoke Archeological and Historical Society.

The first speaker to the Society was Arthur Attwood, the Basingstoke journalist and historian, who gave a talk on 30 January 1985 entitled 'The History of Basingstoke'.

The membership has increased steadily over the twenty years and now stands at an encouraging 103.

TADS meetings 1986-2004

From the beginning a regular event in the Society's programme is the monthly speaker. Over the twenty years there has probably been in the region of 190 speakers offering a wide-range of topics. There is not space to list all of these, merely a few of the more memorable.

After our first year (1985) Arthur Attwood was a regular speaker right up to the year prior to his death in 2002, aged 86. His talks included **The Alton Railway and Thorneycrofts** (1986); **The Vyne** (1987); **Local Pubs** (1991); **Reminiscences of Basingstoke** (1994); **Basingstoke Common** (1997) and **North Hampshire and the Black Death** (1997).

As a feature of the yearly programme our speaker organiser, Bob Brown, has tried to include a talk on local transport: **The Great Western Railway** by L. Waters (1986); **The Brookwood Necropolis Railway** by John M Clarke (1988); **The Basingstoke Canal** by Stan Knight (1991); **How the Railway came to Basingstoke** by David Brace (2002) and **Local Bus Services** by Paul Lacy (2002).

'Teacher' Miss L. Frankum, arrived complete with desks, pupils and slates for her talk, **A Victorian Schoolroom** (1992). The evening was very enjoyable and undoubtedly brought back school-

day memories to some of our older members.

Tadley Memories by Roy Bowman (1994) was probably the most well attended meeting with 'standing room' only. Roy brought along many old working tools and other implements from his earlier days in Tadley.

Village Shops by Sadie Ward (1994). Unfortunately Sadie arrived late, flustered and apologetic having lost her carousel of slides on the way to the meeting after she placed them on top of her car for a while before leaving Mortimer West End. Fortunately, the slides were eventually found a week or two later, in a ditch by Reading Road in Mortimer.

The Art of Bodging and Pole Lathing by Peter Lewis (1995) was held outdoors where he set-out a pole lathe. On this warm July evening Peter enlightened everyone with his demonstrations of furniture production. Members were encouraged to have a go.

For noise, **The Basingclog Morris Story** (and demonstration) of clog dancing (2003) must top the list. Eight well-built adults in clogs, skipping and stamping their way around St Paul's Church Hall, certainly tested the strength of the floor! (see photo below.)

Members are also encouraged to give talks and Derek Ward, one of the founder members of the Society, has given two, the first in November 1992 on **Weather Forecasting – Old and New**. In January 1995 he recounted his experiences with the International Geophysical Year Expedition to the Antarctic with Sir Vivian Fuchs – penguins, penguins and yet more penguins!

Finally, mention must be made of Kate Pyne's talks **The History of AWE 1960–1980** (2000) and **The History of AWE 1981–2000** (2002). Following the years of secrecy surrounding AWRE/AWE it was no surprise that these talks were well attended.



Members of the 2nd Augusta (Roman) Legion re-enactment group at Calleva Atrebatum (Palm Sunday 1994). The Legion visited a TADS meeting in March 1993.



Basingclog Morris Group 'tripping the light fantastic' in 2003. For an evening St Pauls' Church Hall became a world of brightly coloured costumes, joyful music and the crash of clogs on the wooden floor!



'What People Wore, Anglo-Saxons to 1940s' (1991). Local school children donned costumes from the Hampshire Wardrobe to illustrate a talk by Margaret Bunyard.

Archives

Archives are the Society's biggest headache. Local history generates a considerable archive of material which requires cataloguing, researching and storing. While it is presently stored by the archivist, Alan Cooke, it is essential we find a more permanent place to house it, in order to facilitate easier access by both Society members and the public. The subject of a Tadley museum was first raised by Roy Bowman in the 1970s and TADS continues to hold that dream. Realistically however, if more permanent storage is not forthcoming much of this archival collection may have to be dispersed or destroyed.

The TADS archive has been growing since the founding of the Society in 1984. Through all this time TADS has acquired very few physical artefacts, with a display case holding a section of 'wattle and daub' walling being a rare example. In the late 1980s, when Leonard Pike's cottage in Forest Lane was demolished, this sample of early building material was rescued for posterity.

A proportion of the archive comprises newspaper cuttings, whole newspapers (eg early editions of *Tadley Gazette*), commemorative issues and pull-out sections that have some historical bearing on the area, posters, newsletters (some from the Society's beginnings) and committee minutes.

The books section is quite large.

Some are personal recollections, others are histories put together by other local history societies and some historical secondary source material for research. Among these are two modern copies of the *Doomsday Book* covering Hampshire and Berkshire. Also held are some quite rare books

When the society is lent a book or significant printed/written item, having received the necessary permission, copies are taken and kept after the return of the item. This helps bring useful information into the collection.

The archive also holds copies of the various census returns for Tadley and the area starting at 1841, up to the latest release of 1901. Fortunately for TADS one of the members, Iris Stanley, copies and indexes each new issue.

A more recent addition to the archive is an expanding photographic collection now mainly held on CD. The purchase of the Society's own digital camera has made it easier to keep-up with the challenge of recording the ever changing face of Tadley.

TADS has an open policy regarding the archive and any member can access the material. The only restriction is that material given for the Society's safe keeping is not used by the Society and not released to anyone without the permission of the donor.

Tadley and District History Society complies with the rules laid down regarding the retention of data held by electronic means and the creation of data bases in the same medium.

Communications

The Society endeavours to create an interest in the history of Tadley and its surroundings and has raised its profile both locally and nationally through its communications and publications.

The Society's membership is kept regularly informed via the members' monthly newsletter and public contact via posters, projectnews and the TADS website.

Members newsletter

This has been running, in various forms, since the very early days of TADS and has proved to be an excellent means of communicating with the membership. Its current A5 format is successful and flexible. Should there be more news or information than usual extra pages can easily be added. Both personal and electronic delivery are well organised and on time – it should be said mainly due to Derek Ward's skill and perseverance. The posters are also his province and again always on time.

projectnews, three issues a year

The purpose of this free publication is to encourage the continued public interest in local history following the success of TADS publications *Around Tadley – fact and fable* and

Around Tadley – people and places; to date there have been seven issues. As a result, copies are eagerly looked for by its readers. Copies placed in Tadley Library, Profile Print & Copy, Bradford & Bingley – Poulterers and Adrian Noad – Property Services often have to be replaced due to the take up by the public. Copies are also welcomed in Basingstoke Library, Willis Museum, Milestones and Basingstoke Tourist Office. Distribution to other local societies has also brought good response. Through *projectnews* TADS is now an associate member of Berkshire History Society. Hopefully soon further contacts and exchanges of information will occur due to the distribution of our *projectnews*. The *projectnews* has also brought TADS favourable 'write-ups' in the magazines of the British Association of Local History Societies.

Web site

The TADS website brings in many enquiries about the Society and requests for information. This is often from

former Tadley residents who have moved to other areas of the country or abroad.

The site maintenance is done by *Tadley Roundabout* office on a charitable basis for which the Society is grateful. As more and more members are using electronic communication this facility could become an increasingly important asset.

TADS is a corporate member of the Hampshire Archives Trust and as a result the Society website can be found on the Hampshire local government website: Hantsnet.

Communication by letter through TADS PO Box address also continues. Enquiries are replied to, queries answered and information supplied diligently by archivist Alan Cooke.

All the above provide a means to promote Tadley History Society as an active group in the area. TADS profile has been raised and more people are now aware that the Society exists.

Projects

In addition to the monthly talks held at St Paul's Hall, The Green, TADS has a very active project group which meets regularly to discuss and consolidate the research for current and long term projects. It is not always as dry and studious as it may sound. A few glasses of wine or beer have been known to pass lips!!



Top left: proof reading *Around Tadley – fact and fable* in Summer 1999.

Bottom left: Whilst researching local artist, George Roller, a visit was made to The Oval cricket ground to view his paintings. Summer 2003. Left to right: Surrey Cricket Club archivist, Derek Ward, Jim Stevens.

Above: Presentation of a cheque to Zoe Mawle, St Michael's Hospice, from the sale of the TADS 2004 calendar.

Left: David Quelch, Burberrys' archivist, and Derek Ward researching local artist George Roller.

One of the first major projects for TADS was the publication of the books: *Around Tadley - fact and fable* and the companion volume *Around Tadley - people and places*, published in 1999 and 2001 respectively. The first book contains written histories of people and places in the Tadley locality, while the second book is a collection of photographs. Most of the proceeds from book sales were donated to the charity SeeAbility with a subsequent donation to Tadley First Responders.

The regular free newsheet, *projectnews*, was published in response to the interest generated by the books and the first *projectnews* was published in December 2002.

Another project that benefits charity is the TADS calendar. The subject of the 2004 calendar was 'Street Scenes' in Tadley from early in the 20th century. From the proceeds of sales two donations were made: St Michaels Hospice and Tadley Citizen's Advice Bureau. The 2005 calendar portrays local public houses as they appeared in the past. Most of the photographs in the

calendar are from old postcards.

Since 1997 The University of Reading have undertaken further excavations of the archaeological site, Calleva Atrebatum, at Silchester. Although this is primarily a part of the students degree study, members of the public are encouraged to become actively involved. As a result, for the first time this year TADS sponsored enthusiast Revd Gavin Rogers who spent one of the wettest weeks of the summer on the site, digging and re-digging waterlogged trenches! Despite this he said he thoroughly enjoyed his time, recommending the experience. The highlight of his week was his discovery of a well preserved silver denarius coin from the reign of Emperor Trajan (89-117 AD). Applications for 2005 sponsorship are currently being sought. If you are interested please contact TADS.

The Hurst School History Prize (now known as the Hurst Community College History Prize) was established as part of the Society's 10th anniversary celebrations, to encourage pupils to

produce a historically based project. The prize has been awarded annually since at least 1995.

A major project this year was the Time Capsule. In 2001 Tadley Community Centre Association challenged TADS to fill a time capsule to be placed in the floor of the foyer at the Centre. The capsule was buried on Saturday 20 March 2004 at a ceremony performed by Adrian Noad, the Chairman of the Community Association.

One of the Society's longest running projects is researching multi-talented local resident Major George C Roller (1856-1941) who, for much of his life, lived at 'The Wilderness' (now Tadley Court). Major Roller was an artist, a soldier, who served both in the Boer War and World War I, a steeplechase rider, a London Magistrate, and a Governor of London Hospitals and the Royal Berkshire Hospital. He excelled at all these tasks, but it is his skill as a painter/artist, in particular as a picture restorer, that he was known world-wide.

Trips and outings

As well as the regular monthly meetings, one of the main events of the TADS calendar has been the 'annual trip' in September. Over the years members and their guests have visited a wide range of diverse and interesting places throughout the south of England. As well as the 'annual trip' there have also been many other interesting 'one-off' outings.



A glorious day for the trip to see Isambard Kingdom Brunel's *Great Western* in Bristol. Much to do and see, TADS members listen as the guide explains the history and restoration of the ship.



Chairman, Bob Brown, was made-up to look like he has been in a fight during our visit to the Theatre Museum, Covent Garden!



Looking out over the Houses of Parliament, TADS members enjoy one of London's most popular attractions: The London Eye. Once again the weather was kind to us!!



Closer to home, TADS is keen to research recent local history. Here members, on a walking tour of Tadley, study the remains of World War II buildings in and around the town.

In the early days visits were mainly afternoon or evening trips made locally. The first was to Newbury Racecourse on a bitterly cold evening in July to see 'The Flower and The Nettle'. Others soon followed: Padworth Church; The Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion Chapel, Mortimer West End; Wyeford House; The Manor, Aldermaston; Ufton Court and Engelefield House where Sir William Benyon told us to call him 'Bill'.

The visit to Andover Iron Age Museum and Danbury Hill Fort proved entertaining when several members were asked to stand in a circle, pretending to be an Iron Age hut!

This year many members made their

first fearful steps behind the wire to view the AWE Collection.

Since 1997 a summer evening visit has been made annually to the archaeological dig at Silchester where Professor Michael Fulford and subsequently Amanda Clarke have updated TADS members on the finds and progress made on the site.

Sheila Smith organised the first full day outing to Braemore House, near Fordingbridge, Hampshire, in 1994.

The following year's outing was to Gloucester Docks, where Robert Opie's packaging museum was housed.

Pat Galvin organised trips from 1996 to 2002. These included Chiltern Open

Air Museum, Wilton House and carpet factory, The Globe and the Theatre Museum in Covent Garden where two members was given a stage make-over.

In 1999 members visited Greenwich and the Thames Barrier. It was a beautiful morning to see London from the Observatory, looking down to the college, river and Millennium Dome. Some visited the museum and the Cutty Sark before going down river to the barrier: the huge engineering achievement designed to prevent London flooding.

A trip to Bristol in 2000 to see the restoration of Isambard Kingdom Brunel's 'Great Western' so impressed



Top left: An interesting trip to the Globe Theatre by the Thames.

Top right: Our guide on the tour of Bletchley Park was an ex-member of staff, A WREN, who made everything far more realistic.

Above: a study in concentration – a city walk around old London.

Right: 2003's 'romp through British aviation history'.

members that we donated the proceeds from our Christmas raffle to the work.

The Bletchley Park visit in 2001 coincided with a TV series and the film, *Enigma*, regarding the importance of the code breaking work undertaken there during World War II. Unfortunately this was a very wet day but as our brains were taxed by the range of code breaking machines on display inside the wartime buildings we barely had time to notice.

Fortunately, the following year (2002) we had lovely day for our ride on the London Eye, followed by a walk across the Thames on the 'no-longer wobbly' Millennium Bridge into the City. There we had a guided walk which gave us a fascinating insight into London after the Great Fire.

In 2003 Bob Bysouth took over as outings organiser, continuing the tradition of finding historically interesting places to visit: The Royal Pavilion, Brighton (2003); Portchester Castle and Fishbourne Roman Palace (2004). Many of those who made this

visit were surprised by the size and history of Portchester Castle. The outer defences incorporate the remains of a Roman fort established in 280AD and believed to be the most complete of any Roman fort in Europe. It is unlikely that the fort at Portchester was ever entirely abandoned after the collapse of the Roman Empire, as evidence of Saxon, Norman and Royal ownership remains. In 1628 it was developed as a naval storehouse and later to house prisoners of war. The last of these left the castle in 1814. It stood as a ruin until it passed to English Heritage in 1984.

In 2003 Bob Bysouth also organised the first 'away trip', to Skegness, where members joined a two day tour of Lincolnshire wartime airfields, monuments and museums. The trip was described by one TADS member as a 'spirited romp through British aviation history'. Lincolnshire was and still is our second largest county and by 1912 had 48 airfields spread across its 33,000 acres. It is where Cranwell, the Officer Flying Training School,

was established in 1916 with the first concrete runway. RAF Scampton is where, in 1943, the planes with Barnes Wallis's 'bouncing bombs' set-off for the Rhur dams and where 'Nigger', Guy Gibson's dog, is buried. Today the Red Arrows fly from Scampton. Between 1939-1945 there were 48 operational airfields in Lincolnshire; this has now been rationalised to two.

Amongst the tour group were a number of ex WAAFs and WREAFs who helped to bring the experience alive: Betty, who drove 'Queen Marys' in Transport Command and chauffeured Guy Gibson and dignitaries to Buckingham Palace for meetings with George VI, and Peggy, who had met 'Monty' in the course of her wartime work.

Throughout the years, weatherwise, luck has usually been on our side, long may it continue.

100 years ago – Hants and Berks Gazette, Aug–Nov 1904

Date	Page	Village	Topic
6 August	7	Baughurst	School treat Primitive Methodist Church Sunday School held in Mr Pearce's meadow.
13 August	2	Inhurst	Sale of Grantham's Farm and Haughurst Hill Meadow, Inhurst. [C]
13 August	2	Silchester	To Let Hall's Farm, Silchester to include farmhouse, buildings and about 70 acres. [C]
13 August	6	Tadley	Friendly game of cricket at <i>The Fox and Hounds</i> between Tadley Sycamore and Wolverton Park clubs, followed by a 'spread' by Mrs Butler with time spent in harmony later.
13 August	6	Ramsdell	Ramsdale and Ewhurst Cottage Garden Society Flower show at Holly Bush in Mr Allen's meadow.
20 August	6	Silchester	Theft of money (£12) from James Wheeler's carrier cart – perpetrator given a lenient sentence of two months hard labour. [C]
20 August	6	Pamber	Inquest at <i>The Old House at Home</i> on Arthur Bowler, age 56. [C]
20 August	6	Baughurst	School Treat for 110 scholars attending the National School held in rectory grounds. [C]
27 August	6	Baughurst	Scholars of National School scored very successfully in 'Needlework and Knitting' competition at the Kingsclere Flower Show.
3 September	5	Tadley	The Education Rate Eight Tadley men summoned for non-payment of Education Poor Rate. [C]
3 September	5	Woolhampton	Car ran into Duke of Wellington while out riding – too fast and dusty to see. [C]
10 September	4	Pamber	Sale of household furniture and outdoor effects at <i>The Old Hatchet</i> public house.
10 September	4	Basingstoke	Sale of Basingstoke Canal by public auction – canal little used, expectation of electric barges. [C]
10 September	6	Baughurst	Sermon at parish church preached on behalf of Church Missionary Society.
17 September	4	Tadley	Vyne Tree Farm, Tadley – sale of live and dead stock.
1 October	7	Aldermaston	Harvest Festival at Parish Church Lesson by C.E. Keyser, collection (£5.10s.7d) to The Royal Berks.
1 October	8	Silchester	Death of Mrs Ann Cooper wife of James Cooper, caretaker of the Roman remains, who was always very proud to wear his Crimean medals on special days.
8 October	7	Tadley	Harvest Festival St Mary's Church Heath End; collection (£ 2.1s.4d) to the poor.
8 October	7	Baughurst	Silver Wedding Mr and Mrs Goodenough of London House.
29 October	7	Silchester	Funeral of Mrs Hinds, wife of Sgt Hinds of 1st Hampshire Regiment [lots of names].
12 November	7	Baughurst	Parish Reading Room opened for the winter months – 1d per evening.
19 November	5	Baughurst	Mr F Goodenough (elder son of Mr and Mrs Goodenough of London House) won prize offered by Silchester Deanery for his essay on 'The Work of the Church in Modern Times'.
26 November	4	Baughurst	Advert H.H. Attwood begs to inform the inhabitants of Baughurst that he has taken over the old established business 'Shoeing and Jobbing Smith – horses carefully shod'.
26 November	7	Baughurst	'Nigger Entertainment' by The Snowdrop Minstrels in schoolroom. [C]

100 years ago – national and international, Aug–Nov 1904

Date	Topic
6 August	Mr Rufus Isaacs KC, Liberal, elected MP for Reading.
12 August	Birth of a son and heir to the Tsar of Russia.
10 September	<i>The Discovery</i> arrived at Spithead with Commander Scott and members of the National Antarctic Expedition.
21 October	Two Hull trawlers sunk by Russian Baltic Fleet mistaking them for Japanese warships.
27 October	The subway opens in New York.
8 November	Theodore Roosevelt wins presidential election in United States.
9 November	Edward VII celebrates his 63rd birthday at Sandringham.
18 November	Gold is discovered in Rhodesia.
30 November	Japanese lose 12,000 troops in capture of Port Arthur.
Among those born at this time were Sir Frederick Ashton, founder of the British Royal Ballet (17 September); and Graham Greene, British novelist (2 October).	
In the arts, J.M. Barrie's play <i>Peter Pan</i> opens.	
Song hits of the time included <i>Meet Me in St Louis, Louis</i> .	

Articles marked [C] have been copied and archived by TADS for reference.

The village of Imber on Salisbury Plain was abandoned nearly 70 years ago. Rex Sawyer, author of *Little Imber on Down*, talks about the history of the village and the recent completion of a five year restoration project on the Church of St Giles. The Ministry of Defence took over the area to use it for military exercises and today most of the village remains in use as a training ground. Photographer David White spoke to Rex Sawyer, author of *Little Imber on Down*, about the history of the village and the recent completion of a five-year restoration project on the Church of St Giles which stands apart from the military area. Continue reading the main story. To see the enhanced content on this page, you need to have JavaScript enabled and Adobe Flash installed.