

## A World War I Diary

Reginald Burch joined the Territorial's Hertfordshire Regiment at the beginning of World War I. He was mentioned in dispatches. During the war he kept a diary. After the War he wrote an extensive journal based on the notes in his diary. Terry Askew is a volunteer at HALS and has a personal interest in this journal.



Reginald Burch

## Hertford 1630—1650

Alan Thomson is well known to us all as a professional historian who is particularly interested in life in 17th Century Hertfordshire. Currently, he is chairman of Hertfordshire Record Society. This society exists to make the records at HALS more readily available to the general reader. Alan has edited Volume XXIII in the HRS series: "The Impact of the First Civil War on Hertfordshire, 1642-47."

### The Future of the Society

At the 2016 AGM, the resignations from the Committee (announced at the 2015 AGM) of Janet Sheail, Sheila White and myself will take effect. This means that there needs to be a chair and a secretary as well as at least one other member of the committee. These can be co-opted in advance of the AGM in order for next year's programme to be planned. These would then be confirmed at the AGM. The AGM can elect/confirm members of the committee. This means that other members will need to take over the following jobs to ensure the continuation of HWLHS. They are: organising a programme of speakers; creating and displaying publicity for meetings; chairing the committee and members' meetings; taking minutes at committee meetings; ensuring our presence on Twitter; booking the halls; setting up equipment for the use of speakers; providing refreshments for social intervals at meetings.

Please contact me on 01992 423879 if you are willing to undertake any of these jobs.

I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Gill Cordingley

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## Spring Programme 2016

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# Spring Programme 2016 at a glance

14th January  
St Andrew Centre,  
Hertford

## **The British School, Cow- bridge, Hertford**

Speaker:  
Geoff Cordingley

11th February  
St Mary's Church Hall,  
Ware

## **Magna Carta and the Hertfordshire Connec- tion**

Speaker: Ian White

10th March  
St Andrew Centre,  
Hertford

## **A World War I Diary**

Speaker: Terry Askew

14th April  
St Mary's Church Hall,  
Ware

## **Hertford 1630—1650**

Speaker: Alan Thomson

12th May  
St Andrew Centre,  
Hertford

## **A.G.M.**

## **The British School, Cowbridge, Hertford**

In late 2010 Geoff retired from teaching at Morgans Primary School, a job which he had enjoyed for the previous 17 years. Among other activities he became a volunteer at HALS and decided to research some of Hertford's primary or elementary schools.

He was aware that there was a dis-used school in Dimsdale Street leading off Cowbridge, so he decided to find out more about it. The talk is based on what he found out from the school log books, Mercury newspapers and various other sources.



The dilapidated Cowbridge School building

## **Magna Carta and the Hertfordshire Con- nection**

Ian White is a founder member of the Stanstead Abbots Local History Society. Last year he gave an interesting talk about the subject of the Peasant's Revolt of 1381. This year his subject is the formulation of Magna Carta in 1215 and its connection with Hertfordshire people.



One of only four remaining copies of Magna Carta. Two copies are held in the British Library and one each in the cathedrals of Lincoln and Salisbury.

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