

Ropley History Network and Archive

Our First Oral History Interview is now complete!

Roger Mudd's memories of running the A31 Petrol Filling Station.

Thanks to a grant from Ropley Parish council, local history student, **Tom Osbourne** has been working with us as an intern and now finished editing our first interview with Roger Mudd who reminisced about his time running the Ropley Petrol Station. Tom has done an amazing job and it is now available on view and listen to on our website including clips from the interviews, pictures and a link to the whole interview.

<https://www.ropleyhistory.org.uk/village-history/rogers-memories-of-running-the-a31-petrol-filling-station>

Over the next few months, Tom will continue to interview and post more oral histories about a number of other local residents who have interesting memories.

If you have suggestions or would also like to get involved, interviewing or as an interviewee, again, please contact us on ropleyhistory@gmail.com. We'd love to pick up more historical stories from the village and local area.



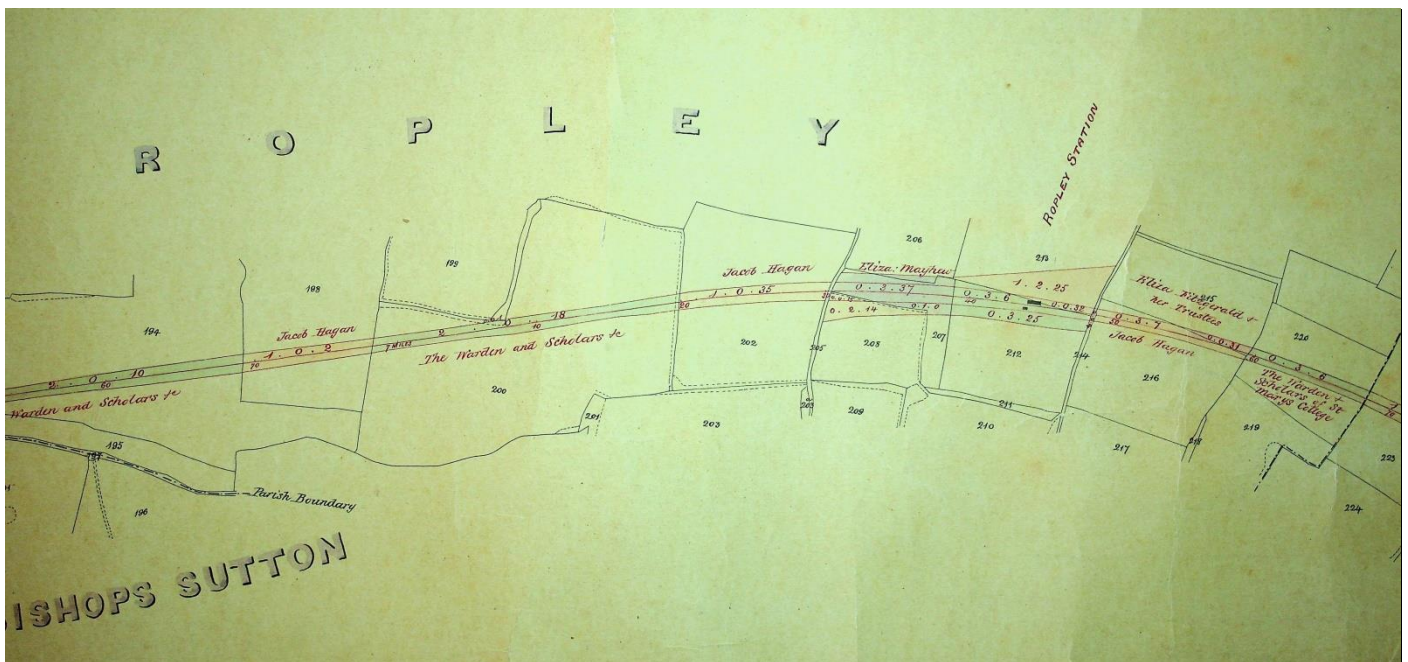
1850's Land Purchase Map for the Alton to Winchester Railway 7 metres long!

A remarkable survivor!

Originally this hand drawn map was created in the 1850's by Alton, Alresford and Winchester Railway Ltd. to be submitted to parliament as part of the application for the Act needed to create the original railway. Drawn on linen backed paper the map roll is 7m long!

It is shown on our website as 16 separate images and from mid-May you will be able to view the whole map in its entirety with a land owners index. The map shows details of the owners of each parcel of land across which the route of the railway was planned to pass.

Find it on the homepage of our Website or follow the link <https://www.ropleyhistory.org.uk/village-history/land-purchase-map-a-remarkable-survivor>



Can you help?

Cochrane Family 1920's-30's/ The Cuddy Recently we have been contacted by the son of a, **Grizel Jean Cochrane** (married name Badman) who apparently spent her childhood in Ropley before moving elsewhere. Her home here in Ropley was on the corner of Stapley Lane and Petersfield Road and was called **The Cuddy**.

It clearly does not exist now but does anyone remember it or when it was pulled down and replaced? It would likely have been one of the colonial style bungalows that were common in the area of which there are only a few left today. If anyone remembers the family or the house it would be great to have some memories to pass on to the family. Thank you.

Ropley Football Team Photos Ropley Sports Pavilion are holding, in May, a function to celebrate **125 years of Ropley football teams**. They would very much like to have pictures for their display to help celebrate the event.

Ropley History would also love to add them to our sports category of images **past and present**. Can you help contribute? Please do get in touch. We can scan any photos you have - please do supply any names of those involved too - so do not worry if you cannot email them to us. We are at the usual fortnightly archive session

this Thursday between 2-4pm at the Village Hall. Or email us at ropleyhistory@gmail.com. We can help. Alternatively get in touch with Ropley Sports Pavillon.

See an image on our website of the very first 1899 Ropley Football team - <https://www.ropleyhistory.org.uk/.../ropley-football-club...>

The Rec! Past and Present Display at the Pram Race – Bank Holiday Monday 27th

Images please! After a very positive response to our 'Pram Races of the past' display last year, we intend to be back again with a display of images of sports, fayres, community celebrations that have also been held at the Rec in the past. Please do send us any images to us by 25th May so that we can show them on the day. Contact us at ropleyhistory@gmail.com

Whats on!

History events and talks coming to Ropley and the locality

Soon - Up Coming Event - Thursday 16th May

REDISCOVERING HYDE ABBEY

Ropley Parish Hall - Thursday 16th May

Join us to hear David Spurling talk about the history of the Abbey and how it has been rediscovered

The lead trustee of Hyde900 in Winchester and organiser of the three Hyde900 community digs 2016-18 will be talking about the digs, finds and some of the discoveries at the final resting place of King Alfred the Great

Tickets on the door £5. Bar open at 7pm , with talk starting at 7.30. Q and A after.



Also,

Thursday 15th August 2pm - The archivist at the Winchester College Archives has very kindly offered us a **tour of the school and the archives**. We have a number of spaces that we will offer this on a "first come first served basis". But if you are interested - one warning though – the archive rooms are in medieval towers so there are some stairs to climb and there isn't really a handrail, just a rope for a banister. Please email us to reserve a space at Ropleyhistory@gmail.com. Donation to Ropley History £5

Monday 23rd September – *Local Place Names*, by Manni Kirchner - Our local Student Archaeologist and detectorist, Manni, will be talking about local place names and the history and meanings behind them.

Current and Future Articles *shown on our homepage*

- **Found anything interesting?** Have you found something ancient, rare or just interesting looking? This article tells us this is not a rarity and perhaps what you found is really interesting – if so we can advise what you should do with it, how to register it etc .
- **Exciting finds from Four Marks and Ropley** – the latest discoveries in response to the 'Found anything interesting?' article and poster mentioned above.
- **Tales of the last working horse in Ropley**
- **Land purchase map – *a remarkable survivor*** - 1850's 7 metre long map for Railway from Alton to Winchester.
- **Historic Maps** - We are adding new images and sources all the time
- **Local Churches** - recorded by Basil Fulford Lowther Clarke in 1959-60
- **Our first Oral History** - Roger Mudd's memories of running the A31 Petrol Filling Station
- **The History of the horticultural Society** - including images of past and present
- **The History of the Coffee Rooms** - A time line including legal documents, letters and other related images. (End of May)

Future collections of images and documents coming to the website

- **Images of Four Marks** collected and used by Dr Chris Heal in his books on local history.
- **Winchester College and Hampshire Records Office** - some documents that they have kindly shared with us.
- **Images of some of the big historic houses in Ropley**
- **Images donated by Roy Wyeth** - family memories

If you think you might be able to contribute some more information to any of the above, please do get in touch and share it with us

Getting involved

Can you offer your time – however much you feel you can give – to help us develop and grow the archive? Any contribution would help us preserve our local history. Do you have any local history documents that you would like to share or need some help with? Please get in touch or come along to our fortnightly Thursday archive workshop sessions.

Thursdays 2-4pm - in the back Hall or the small hall of the Village Hall.

- May 9th and 23rd
- June 6th and 20th
- July 4th and 18th

Thank you for your continued interest, involvement and support
Ropley History Network and Archive Steering Group

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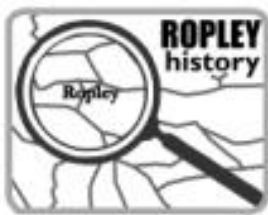
Have you
Found
Anything
Interesting?...



Whilst on a walk, or gardening or building perhaps, you or someone you know has found **something historical of interest...**

Perhaps some **pottery**, a **flint tool** or a **metal find?**

Ropley History Network and Archive is currently seeking **local finds and archaeology** to record to help understand the history of the area.



If so please contact us!:
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