



# Wheathampstead History Society

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## News and events

- **Sunday 23 September** *Station Fun Day* 12pm to 4pm at the restored station.
- **Thursday 27 September** *Policing Hertfordshire* Talk by Andy Wiseman (Hertfordshire Constabulary Historical Society) 6.00 to 7.00 pm at HALS, County Hall Hertford. £5.00.
- **Thursday 11 October** *In the Footsteps of Shackleton* Talk by Martin Thomas FRCS. 8.00 pm at St Helen's Church. £10 to members of Friends of St Helen's, £12 to non-members. All proceeds to the Friends. For tickets, call Margaret Pearce on 01582 833581.
- **Saturday 20 October** *St Albans Local History Network Annual Conference* Verulamium Museum 10am to 4.30 pm. For tickets, email [sanetwork@me.com](mailto:sanetwork@me.com) £5 contribution on the day.
- **Armistice Commemoration**
  - **Saturday 10 to Tuesday 13 November** *Armistice Centenary Commemoration* St Helen's Church, 10am to 6pm, with flowers, music and poetry.
  - **Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 November** History Society exhibition '*Wheathampstead During the Great War, 1914-20* Memorial Hall 10am to 6pm
  - **Commemorative edition of The Pump** will be distributed to all households early in November.

**Next meeting: 7.30 Wednesday 17 October** Helen George will give a talk *Business as usual? The First World War and retail businesses in Watford.*

## Notes and queries

*Ruth Jeavons found this advertisement for an event in the village in 1935.*

### WHEATHAMPSTEAD AIR DISPLAY

(With the kind permission of the Hertfordshire Flying Club, and the friendly assistance of the De Havilland Flying School)

**10.00 a.m. AIR RALLY.** The machines participating will try and time their arrival from their various starting points in such a manner that they will fly over a given mark at the Air Display Field at ten o'clock. The pilot who crosses the line nearest to the above time will be adjudged the winner.

**AEROBATICS.** A demonstration will be given of what is popularly known as "stunt flying".

**BOMBING "SIR HERBERT".** A machine endeavours to bomb a moving motor car. *N.B. It will be seen that the bombs are not of a very destructive nature.*

**BALLOON BURSTING.** Balloons will be released from the ground and attempts will be made to tilt at them and burst them in the air.

**"SIX GUN BILL".** One of the world's most famous revolver shots will shoot from the machine at bottles arranged on the ground against a suitable background. His accuracy is such that he has seldom been known to fail.

**SURPRISE ITEM.** This display is at the time of going to print still a mystery to the organisers of this display. The veil will be lifted on Monday.

**AIR RACE.** The start will be a Flying Start (in every sense of the word), and the race will be one of three laps over a triangular course.

*Spectators, who may desire to take a closer interest in flying, either as learners, passengers or onlookers will be welcomed on any day or at any time in the new public enclosure at the De Havilland Flying School, Hatfield.*

**Do you have any photos or more information about this event?**

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