

# The Amberley Society

The aim of the Society, which has more than 200 members, is the conservation and improvement of the amenities, character and interests of Amberley and its surroundings

## **Amberley Village: A stroll through history, circa 1850**

**Friday, May 21, 2010**

**From Wisteria Cottage, East Street; 7pm for 7.30pm**

Our guide for this gentle walk around old Amberley will be historian Richard Howell, who will be familiar to many from his talk at our 2009 AGM: *Chalk and Pepper*, about the history and influence of Amberley Chalk Pits. During the stroll, Richard will be stopping to talk about the inhabitants of the past and describing what life was like in Amberley in the mid-1800s. This will be a rare opportunity to learn about Amberley's fascinating past.

The number of members in the group will, by necessity, have to be limited and, therefore, places need to be booked in advance. If there is significant demand, it might be possible to repeat the walk a couple of weeks later.

There will be a minimum charge of £2, with the proceeds going to the Royal Brompton Hospital and the British Heart Foundation. Richard's daughter, Sarah, is fundraising, having received considerable medical treatment throughout her life. It is hoped she might be able to join us.

The walk is planned to start from Wisteria Cottage, East Street – 7pm for 7.30pm (or earlier if you wish to look around the garden), and will finish at the Black Horse.

## **Drewitt's Farm Development – latest plans**

**Tuesday, May 18, 2010**

The Amberley Parish Council Planning Committee invites you to inspect the latest plans for this controversial site.

The developer of Drewitt's Farm will shortly be submitting a fresh planning application for the development. It will be based on the outline sketches produced on behalf of the village by conservation architect Malcolm Simmonds.

The developer's architect is now finalising detailed drawings, including all elevations.

There will be a meeting in St Michael's Church Hall at 7 pm, on Tuesday, May 18, at which residents will have an opportunity to see and comment on the plans before the latest application is submitted. Both the developer, Steven O'Brien, and the village's architect, Malcolm Simmonds, will be present and able to answer questions.

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If you wish to attend the **Amberley: a stroll through history, circa 1850** event please let me know by e-mail, telephone call, or a note through my door. It is thought the maximum number of participants will be 30, on a first come, first served basis. If the event is over subscribed, Richard has kindly offered to repeat it a couple of weeks later. Please let me know of any preferences for Friday evening, or weekend, and what would be the best time for any subsequent re-run. If we are unable to accommodate everyone on the walk, you would, of course, be most welcome to join us for a sociable chat at the start, or afterwards in the Black Horse.

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