

## Over the Bridge The Southern Side

By Brian Hennegan and Goff Powell.  
Memories and More from  
Two Leatherhead Lads  
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to North Street Leatherhead)  
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In 2009 the Leatherhead & District History Society published a book by Brian Hennegan entitled 'Over the Bridge' which related the author's memories of growing up in Leatherhead Common in the 1940s and 1950s and in the main, covered the area to the North of the Kingston Road railway bridge.

It had been suggested that a sequel should be written which looked at the area to the South of the railway bridge. The idea was taken up, so Brian Hennegan and Goff Powell have joined forces and this book is the result.

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The authors agreed that they would adopt a different approach in the presentation of this book. They would travel from the railway bridge to the South, along the Kingston Road and into the town itself. During this journey they would look at specific 'landmarks' and describe their historical evolution. For example the first prominent building is All Saints Church and the reader will see the building as it has evolved through the years. The shops and other buildings in the town will also be viewed in a similar way.

The book contains a selection of photographs which the reader might not have seen before. Many of these pictures come from the extensive photo library that has been compiled by Goff Powell over many years. Other pictures are from the collection of the Leatherhead & District History Society.

In any project such as this the researcher is faced with many difficulties. For example the further back in time you go the more difficult it is to establish the early history of a site or building and as a consequence, at some locations, the 'historical thread' will extend further back in time than at others.

There again at some locations one can have great difficulty in sorting out comparatively recent 'historical' developments. Both of the authors have lived in Leatherhead for more than seventy years thus enabling them to intersperse their personal recollections with historic fact.

Although some parts of the area have changed beyond all recognition it is gratifying to see how many of the old 'landmarks' are still with us. The question is, 'for how long'?

The authors hope that they have been reasonably successful in weaving a path through the years and that the finished offering will provide the reader with an enjoyable glimpse into the past and resurrect many latent memories.

The book costs £9. Copies are available from Barton's Bookshop, Leatherhead and other local booksellers, Leatherhead Museum (when open), or post-free from the Sales Secretary, 64 Church Street, Leatherhead, KT22 8DP. Cheques should be made payable to L&DLHS.