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## Leatherhead Fire Station Belmont Road - Holly Court



Opening of Leatherhead  
Fire Station c: 1926

Holly Court,  
River Lane end



Many of the old images of Leatherhead show the clock tower in North Street which also housed the town's early horse drawn fire engine. By 1926 a new motorised appliance had been purchased and a purpose built fire station was constructed at the River Lane end of Belmont Road. The engine was manufactured by Merryweathers and named Margaret Blades after the daughter of Sir George Rowland Blades M.P. He performed the opening ceremony of the new station shortly before being elected Lord Mayor of London. At the time the family were living at Grangemount, Grange Road, Ashted. In 1927 they moved to Cobham. In 1928 he was raised to the peerage as Baron Ebbisham.

Also, a new Fire Committee was set up and arranged that the Gas Company calls the Fire Brigade by sounding a hooter when the fire alarm bell rang in the Post Office in North Street.

The second motorised appliance at Leatherhead was manufactured by Dennis Brothers of Guildford and was named Margaret Rose in 1932. The naming ceremony was carried out by the Hon. Mrs Greville, of Polesden Lacey, who was Princess Margaret's godmother.

In 1969 a new fire station was opened in Cobham Road which was large enough to house the latest appliances and the full-time crew. After the Belmont Road station was demolished it was replaced with private residential buildings known as Holly Court.

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