

# Leatherhead & District Local History Society

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## Byron Place, Leatherhead



*Byron Place*



*Linden Court, built in the grounds of Linden House*

Byron Place is named after a naval officer who lived in Linden House, now the site of Linden Court in Epsom Road. Richard Byron was the brother of Admiral John Byron, renowned in naval circles as 'Foul weather Jack', who was grandfather of the poet Lord Byron.

Rear Admiral Richard Byron (b.1769- d.1837) himself had a distinguished career and commanded the *Belvedere* against the United States of America in the War of Independence. He married Sarah Sykes (b. 1786 - d.1861) of Leatherhead in 1801 and had three sons: Commander Richard Byron (b.1802-d.1843); Captain James Byron (b.1803-1858); and Reverend John Byron (b.1804-d.1878) John, married Mary Richardson whose father owned Belmont Lodge, the former Red House on Bull Hill, now replaced by a new building called Fairmount House.

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