

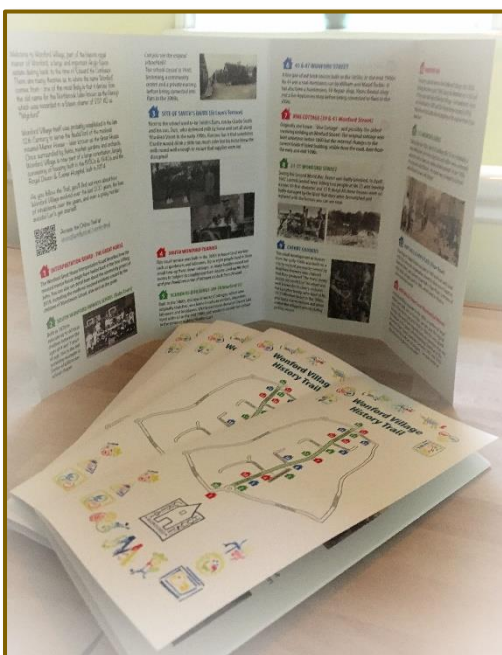


Theatre Locale – Your Heavitree Squilometre Update

Welcome to the early Spring issue of *Theatre Locale* 2020. *Theatre Locale* is your [Heavitree Squilometre](#) Update.

Wonford Village and Great House – Joint talk with the Heavitree Local History Society 3rd March 2020, 7.30-9.00 p.m.

We're all set to give what is now becoming a regular feature of the Heavitree calendar – the joint talk between the Heavitree Local History Society and the Heavitree *Squilometre* team. This year we'll be reporting back on what the Wonford Pod uncovered concerning the extraordinary early Medieval Wonford Great House – a highly unusual moated manor house (very few known in the South West) and it's feudal relationship to Wonford Village itself. There'll be opportunity to see the community-commissioned interpretation board that now marks the spot and we'll bring along the printed Village trail guides produced by the team (free to you!).



The guides explore the last 200 years of fascinating building history on Wonford Street itself.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN USUAL VENUE – to be held at Wonford Methodist Church Hall, (Nr Lidl's).

No need to pre-book but £3 door charge for non-HLHS members.

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■ **A very fond farewell – A tribute to Charles Dunstan – son of Heavitree.**

■ **Ladysmith Pod 2020 – this year's *Squilometre* project!** Celebrating Ladysmith Road's Edwardian and brickmaking heritage!



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A very fond farewell and tribute to a son of Heavitree

The Heavitree *Squilometre* team, and I personally, would like to pay our respects in memory of Charles Dunstan. I attended, along with so many other people, the Heavitree memorial service on Friday 14th February at St Michael's. Charles was held in such high esteem in the heart of Heavitree, having devoted years to the family business on the corner of North Street and Fore St, following on from his father and grandfather before him. When, in early 2015, the Heavitree *Squilometre* started looking at creative ways to celebrate Heavitree's heritage, Charles was one of our earliest supporters providing wonderful insights into how things used to be, old photos



and making a donation of local history books now available to all through the Heavitree Friendly Library. At one point he even gifted a house brick! You might think that flowers or chocolates would have been nicer gift but this brick is stamped "1876" and is almost certainly from Pengelly's brickworks behind where Roseland Crescent is now (part of the park) and couldn't be more treasured. It is these connections with Heavitree's past and Charles' humour and good natured support that will be so deeply, deeply missed – JoJo Spinks.



Ladysmith Pod 2020 – this year's *Squilometre* project!

The Ladysmith Pod is forming beautifully with members from age 10 to 85! They're all Ladysmith Road residents who have come together to consider how they can celebrate their own street this year. Current ideas include creating a "chatty place" with a community library, a bench and planting perhaps constructed of brick to pay homage to John Sampson's Brick and Tile works. They're looking at ways of combining this planting with that already planned by Ladysmith Infants to help improve the air quality of the playgrounds and working alongside Ladysmith Junior School too. They will bring the whole thing together with a street party finale event in October. Such wonderful ideas and fantastic energy. If you'd like to get involved just let us know. As ever, *Squilometre* Pods remain open to all throughout a project but to have your say you gotta get stuck in! Contact details below.



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