

# DOWN MEMORY LANE

## Dunton Road, Then and Now

Remarkably little has changed structurally in a hundred years looking west down Dunton Road from the junction with High Street South. The obvious intrusion is the car-parking problem, which besets much of the rest of the village.

The man (possibly delivering bread) walking in the middle of the road, up the incline towards the camera, and the baker's cart opposite the Red Lion pub (now the Grade II Listed home of No.14), would fear for their lives in the wake of modern trucks and tractors.

The south side of the road remains characterised by a strong building line of warm, orange/red brick homes, the elegant iron railings being removed during World War II, supposedly to make munitions.

The north side remains a less formal arrangement, with two Grade II Listed buildings surviving at Nos. 14 and 18. Vauxhall Villas still stands prominently on the immediate right-hand corner, and Grace's Barn can still be seen at the vanishing point of the road in the distance.



## FROM THE GRAPEVINE 10 YEARS AGO...

*From September 2009, Stu and Ginny Clarke were once again a good-natured highlight of the banter when Stewkley's own 'Pub Landlord' Al Murray packed the Village Hall for his second fundraiser for the Hall...Nature Notebook was applauding the efforts of Stewkley Brownies in providing wood logs drilled with holes for solitary bee nests... Fountain's Hairdressers was celebrating 20 years serving the village...the Parish Council and Stewkley Green were opposing the proposed incinerator at Edgcott on the grounds of downwind pollution...and grant-aided by the Grapevine, Stewkley Local History Group's first publication, *The Stewkley Lads Fallen in the Great War*, had its cover unveiled.*

## FROM THE GRAPEVINE 20 YEARS AGO...

*From September 1999, apparently, it was a very 'thin' edition, although not all adverts...Anglian Water were to replace the old cast-iron water main under the High Street...the War Memorial inspection showed it to be in remarkably good condition, with only the letters of the names needing to be re-enamelled... controversy continued over the proposal for a stained-glass window in St Michael's Church to mark the Millennium, with a public meeting envisaged to decide...and the Cricket Club completed the double, within days of winning the Stewkley Cup Final, with victory over Little Gaddesden in the Coronation Cup...*

*And from the Leighton Buzzard Observer of September 1989, Stewkley said 'Goodbye' to PC Gordon Rae, one of its last village Bobbies, who had helped with the village youth group and set up the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.*