

## **MAG'S WELL RESTORATION PROJECT**

**(Note by Terry Wooden for the Westcott Local History Group)**

Mag's Well is on the Westcott / Coldharbour boundary and can be approached on foot from either location. From Coldharbour a track (Wolven's Lane) heads north to Upper Meriden Farm – now a private house –from where a footpath on the right side leads downhill. It leads to a junction where the footpath crosses a Forestry Commission track.



The Mag's Well site is a boggy area of poor woodland but the actual well is not immediately obvious.

There is a duckweed covered pool close to the fingerless sign post



and a brick reservoir, about five foot square, with a dilapidated corrugated iron cover not far away.

Then there is second reservoir, this one slightly smaller and made of concrete with a manhole cover embedded in the top





The site of the original Mag's Well is a little way beyond. Almost all the brick surround has disappeared and the pool is now simply a shapeless area within an area about 10 feet square.

Mr Auchterlonie has agreed to delay for a few weeks the action that was being contemplated to remove the 'risk' presented by the site in its existing condition. But having visited there today I am not sure exactly what action is proposed.

An obvious need is to renew the corrugated iron cover to the first 'reservoir'. That would be a quite straight forward task but I have no idea where responsibility lies. I understand that the Dorking Water Company, as was, were involved but that was several years ago.

Mag's Well had fallen into disrepair by the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century but the water was still contained within a brick surround, as indicated by these two photographs, dated 1901 or thereabouts.

