

# Thomas Aveling's Birthday Celebration 2021

**Saturday 11th September**

12pm to 3pm

(on the car park off Vicarage Lane, Hoo, ME3 9AZ)

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## TIMETABLE

**12pm** - The event will formally begin.

**12.45pm to 1pm** - The short Flower Procession (Act of Remembrance), featuring children from the Lighthouse Pre-School in Hoo carrying flowers grown/supplied by members of Strood Gardening Club, will start at the car park off Vicarage Lane and end at the grave of Thomas Aveling, just outside St. Werburgh Church. The procession will be led by the 'Foreman' (Michael Pearce) - followed by the children 'Nipper', 'Ankle Beater', 'Hurrier' and 'Caddie' (the names of Victorian occupations undertaken by children and young people). The children will be followed by the 'Rattlewatchman' (Peter Watson). After the flowers have been placed on the grave of Thomas Aveling - the Rattlewatchman will present a ceremonial payment to Nipper, Ankle Beater, Hurrier and Caddie.

**3pm** - The event will formally end.

## ATTRACTIONS (from 12pm to 3pm)

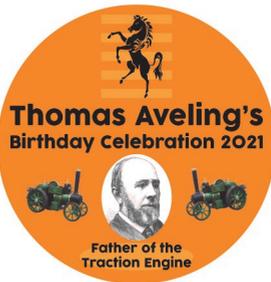
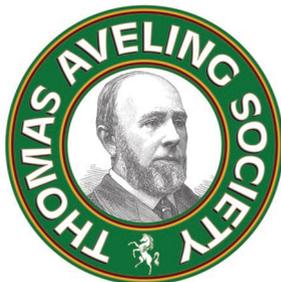
**Steam Road Roller** - 1930 Aveling & Porter steam road roller 'Rhoda' (pictured right) owned by Liz and Michael Fuller.



**Motor Rollers** - Barford & Perkins footpath and cricket pitch rollers, an Aveling & Barford footpath roller and a Greens vibrating roller, all owned by Robert Deards.

**Thomas Aveling Society Exhibition** - Includes (1) A rare diary/sailing log book for the yacht 'Sally' (owned by Thomas Aveling) - written by him from July 1880 to October 1881, (2) Photos supplied by local residents of the 1982 RRA Thomas Aveling Centenary Road Run and (3) A matchstick model of a steam road roller.

**St. Werburgh Church** - In addition to the grave of Thomas Aveling - see (1) Stained glass windows dedicated to Thomas and his family, (2) A memorial plaque, (3) Church records, (4) Refreshments and (5) Toilets.



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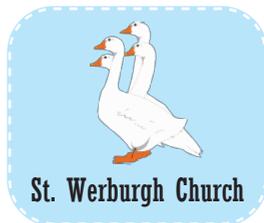
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