

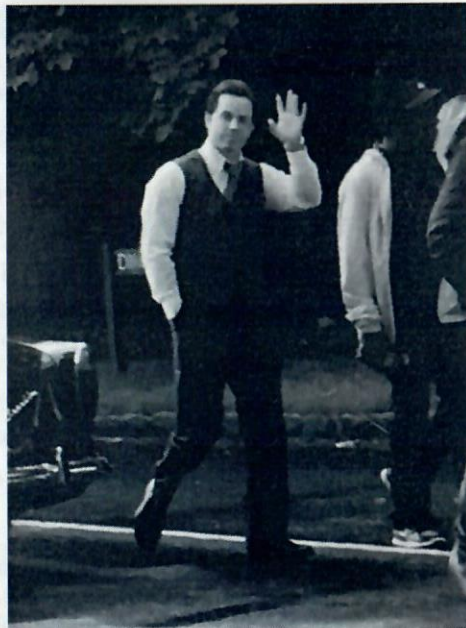
Meeting Hollywood Star Mark Wahlberg

It was on Sunday 30th July 2017 when Sarratt was being used as a location regarding a new film that is coming out later this year based on the kidnapping of John Paul Getty III in the 1970's. The film being titled 'All The Money In The World' stars famous actors such as Mark Wahlberg, Kevin Spacey, actress Michelle Williams and the director being Ridley Scott. They were using Biggerstaff's Garage and North Hill to film the scenes of a row of cars driving up North Hill to then reach Biggerstaff's for petrol. By The Cricketers pub, families and people who lived in the village watched the filming by the garage which was very exciting as most of the locals were told that Mark Wahlberg was in one of the cars queuing for petrol. My friends and I then were allowed to get closer to the filming to see if we could spot Mark. This was then very exhilarating as Mark Wahlberg finished his scene at Biggerstaff's and walked over towards The Cricketers. Our friends were standing by the Bus Shelter opposite the pub and we managed to grab the attention of Mark Wahlberg to come over and talk to us. We gave him a 'Hello' a wave and a quick chat about his films before he had to go and get ready for his next scene. We were all filled with joy and I got a few pictures (seen below) and videos. It was one of my favourite experiences ever!

An unusual Sunday in Sarratt

On Sunday 30th July, a film company came to Sarratt to film the true story and kidnapping about John Paul Getty III starring Mark Wahlberg. The parts in Sarratt they used to film were Biggerstaff's garage and North Hill. Locals in Sarratt including myself got to watch the filming. We were told Mark Wahlberg was in one of the 1970's cars. After the filming I confidently shouted 'Hello, Mark!' and he replied with a 'Hello' and gave a wave. I felt overjoyed and shouted 'I love your films' He replied with a 'Thank you!'. He had to go and get ready for the next scene. Meeting him was extraordinary.

Lucy Oxenham aged 9



Sarratt and the Big Screen

Panic set in when the film crew realised that they had forgotten one vital prop for that day's filming. They looked in Biggerstaff's garage, no luck, and then decided that their best bet would be the Village Shop. Luckily for them Tom Oxenham and Edward Barrington were on hand to source the perfect bicycle in our shed and it was quickly dispatched to the film set, where the directors were profuse with their thanks. Tom insisted that Lucy should meet Mark Wahlberg as thanks for their efforts and appeasing Mr Scott. Therefore, my bicycle has now acquired a provenance and Lucy has spoken to Mark. All in a good day's work.

Jenny Roberts

