

POTTERS BAR & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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THE NEWSLETTER

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THE AGM

The Secretary's report revealed that the 25th anniversary year of the Society was one of outstanding success; there was a record membership and attendance increased at monthly meetings. The social, the outing to Cliveden and the walk from Willliotts to South Mimms were well supported and blessed with fine weather.

The Society joined the Hertfordshire Recorder Scheme, maintained close links with other local societies and contributed to the feasibility study on the Possibility of a local museum/local study centre.

The Newsletter was established as an extra means of communication with members, whilst the format of the Society's former Newsletter was changed to an A5 size and became 'The Journal'. Plans were made to republish articles from the former Newsletter.

The Society's contribution to the Potters Bar Festival was very successful from the publicity received and the enquiries from the public. Exhibitions were staged at Oakmere House, Oakmere and Cranborne libraries and Canada Life, and assistance was given to Cranborne, Little Heath and Oakmere Junior schools on matters of local history.

The collecting and copying of photographs and interviewing of older residents continued. The Society's first tape recording was made with Miss Elsie Cooper.

The following officers and committee were elected for 1985/86:

Chairman	Mr B. Warren	6 Church Close, Cuffley	Cuffley 875617
Vice-Chairman	Dr A. C. Lynch	8 Heath Drive, Potters Bar	
Hon. Secretary	Mr R. Harris	25 Cotton Road, Potters Bar	
Asst Hon. Sec.	Mr R.A. Crook	29 Gould Close, Welham Green	
Hon. Treasurer	Mr T.G. Goulding	12 Church Road, Potters Bar	56429
Hon. Archivist	Mrs H.M. Baker	12 Oakroyd Close, Potters Bar	53659
Committee:	Mrs B. Fost, Mrs J. Groves, Mr B. Chanter, Mr D. Ruge-Cope, Mr G. Pulzer, Mr W. S. Taylor		

After eight years Cyril Overend reluctantly relinquished the post of Secretary for personal reasons. The Committee felt that his long and distinguished service to the Society should not go unrecognised and presented him with a copy of 'The History of Hertfordshire' by Tony Rook.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the AGM it was agreed that subscriptions for 1985/86 should be:

Adults £2.50; Juniors (under 18) and OAPs £2.00

Family/Group membership £4

A Family membership means people of the same family residing under one roof and it entitles them to one copy of the Newsletter and Journal. A Group Membership is for other societies, institutions and schools.

It was agreed that a new member who joins after December should be entitled to membership for the following year without further payment.

All members; except those in the above category or having paid their 1985/86 subs, will receive a subscription renewal form with this Newsletter. Prompt payment would be appreciated by the Treasurer.

NEW MEMBERS

The following have joined the Society in recent months and we hope they enjoy their membership: Mr Wickett, Mr J. Guttridge, Mrs R. LeBague, Mr R. Creighton & Miss Jones.

HERTFORDSHIRE RECORDER SCHEME

The following members have agreed to act as co-ordinators for the stated areas:

North of Billy Lows Lane to North Mymms boundary	Mr T. Goulding	56429
Mutton Lane/Baker Street to Sawyers Lane	Mr R. Redington	58000
Southgate Road/Barnet Road to Hill Rise	Mr L. Field	53801
East of High Street/Southgate Road	Mr D. Ruge-Cope	53221
Sunnybank Road/Elmroyd and Oakroyd areas	Mrs V. Murphy	58447
The Walk and Ladbroke area	Mr R.I.B. Warwick	53400
Torrington estate and The Causeway area	Mr G. H. Eve	56831
South Mimms	---cant	
Country area Potters Bar to Barnet	cant	

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Members are requested to contact the appropriate co-ordinator should they know of or observe any changes to buildings or the landscape in the area.

The next Recorder Group meeting is at 21 Chace Avenue on Thursday 27 June at 8pm. If you are interested please come along, but first notify Dan Ruge-Cope (53221).

If anyone is interested in compiling a street name index with their origins, please contact any of the co-ordinators.

SOUTH MIMMS

Following Mrs Baker's lecture on South Mimms, two meetings were held in the Village Hall. It was felt by those present that there was a need to record the changes in South Mimms, and Betty and Jeff Post, 38 Blanche Lane, agreed to act as co-ordinators.

A scheme of recording the memories of people with a long residence in the village was envisaged, similar to that which has been carried out in Potters Bar over the past eighteen months. In Potters Bar 32 people have been interviewed and 23 visited whilst over 30 have loaned old photographs for copying.

If you live in the village and can be of assistance in this scheme, please contact Betty and Jeff.

SOUTH MIMMS CHURCHYARD RECORDING

It is intended to continue recording the inscriptions on the gravestones which was started last year by the St Albans Family History Society, Their two meetings this year have been scheduled for Thursday 27 June and 25 July from 7.00pm.

You will need a clipboard, sharp pencil and a kneeling pad or small stool. Hope to see as many of our members as possible.

SUMMER PROGRAMME

POLESDEN LACEY OUTING 29 June

Members have been notified, but anyone wishing to go should contact Bruce Chanter, 35 Tiverton Road (51931) immediately.

WALK 21 July, Sunday

Arrangements have been made for those interested to meet at South Mimms village green at 2.00pm to walk through North Mymms Wood to North Mymms Park, which is open in aid of the British Red Cross Society. There is an entrance charge of 60p, children and pensioners 30p. Teas and soft drinks will be available.

North Mymms Church will be open and if there is time and the weather is suitable the party could visit Water End.

SOCIAL Saturday 14 September

This will be held at the Potters Bar Toc H building, Barnet Road, at 7.30pm. As last year the refreshments will be organised on an American picnic arrangement, whereby one brings one's own food and this is pooled for all to share. If more than tea or coffee is required then please bring your own.

HELP!

a) As the membership has increased so a greater strain has been placed on the photocopying resources of the Society. If anyone has access to such facilities the Committee would be pleased to know.

b) Does anyone have the use of a ten-pitch typewriter?

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW. Thank you.

Newsletter Distributors

Thanks are due to the following members for distributing the Newsletters and other information: Mrs V. Bell, Mr E. Elliott, Mr G. Eve, Mr C. Overend, Mrs J. Groves, Mr & Mrs Horsefield, Mr & Mrs Ruge-Cope, Mr R. Crook, Mrs B. Post, Mr B. Chanter, Mr T. Goulding, Mr G. Pulzer and Mr R.I.B. Warwick.

Mrs Horsefield

After a period in hospital it is pleasing to see Mrs Horsefield out and about again. We wish her good health.

FAMILY HISTORY

Most genealogists start too late. Whether one is interested or not in one's ancestors at the moment, make sure one interviews their oldest living relatives before it is too late! One day when one becomes interested you will be thankful for those notes.

I/We shall/shall not be attending the walk.

I/We shall/shall not be attending the social.

I/We should like a lift to a) the walk b) the social

Signed

I/We have/have no access to a) photocopying facilities b) a ten-pitch typewriter

This slip CAN BE HANDED TO BRIAN WARREN AT THE OUTING or it will be collected later.