

POTTERS BAR & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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THE NEWSLETTER

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Following on last year's record membership, the Treasurer is pleased to report that over seventy members have paid this year's subscription - an excellent start.

In spite of the general inclement weather this summer the outing to Polesden Lacey was very successful, due to the efforts of Bruce and Christine Chanter. Similarly, the walk was blessed with a fine afternoon and enjoyed by more walkers than last year.

POTTERS BAR FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER Oakmere House 8pm Tickets £1.50/£1 concessionary

'Potters Bar at the turn of the Century',
an illustrated talk by Brian Warren.

After the interval, Terry Goulding's contribution is entitled

'Looking into Potters Bar Photographs'.

This is followed by a fifteen minute slide and tape talk given by the late Mr Butcher to an audience in 1953, called

'What and where is Potters Bar?'

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER and WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER Oakmere House 8pm Committee Room 1
FREE

Reg Crook will present his talk 'The Potters Bar War Memorial' which covers the period of the First World War participants.

Tickets reserving seats for the 4th and 16th October will be on sale for 10p each at the lecture on 26 September.

16 SEPTEMBER until 4 OCTOBER

An exhibition will be displayed at Oakmere Library illustrating the theme of the Society's contribution to the Festival: Potters Bar at the turn of the century'. From 7 October, part of the exhibition will be displayed at Cranborne Library.

It is hoped to steward both exhibitions and offers of help from those who have not already volunteered would be welcome. Names and times of availability to Brian Warren, please.

NEW MEMBERS

A sincere welcome is extended to Mr Griffith, Mrs J. Andrews, Mrs D. Etheridge, and Mr W. J. Hamilton-Hinds on joining the Society and to Mr K. Pryke and Mrs B. J. Clinton on re-joining. Also to Mrs S. Redington, Mrs W. Jackson, Mrs R. Crook and Mr P. Gee who have joined their respective partners as members of the Society.

The Committee hopes they will all benefit from and contribute to the Society's activities.

PUBLICATIONS

The Committee intends to publish in the same format as The Journal, but with larger print, two publications in the near future.

One on the Great North Road by Dr A. C. Lynch, and the other on The Coming of the Railway to Potters Bar by Mr G. Eve.

To complete the theme of transport, if any members have factual or anecdotal knowledge of the expansion of the bus services in the area, any of the Committee members would like to be informed. Such information would be added to that already accumulated by the Society. This is very important, as the 1930s development of Potters Bar was largely dependent on the improved bus services, so if you do not feel able to write down your information it would be possible to arrange for an interview.

HERTFORDSHIRE RECORDER SCHEME

Do not forget to contact the appropriate co-ordinators (see The Newsletter Vol.1 No.3) if you observe any changes to buildings or the landscape. Those of you who are members of the Potters Bar Society will have seen a note in their bulletin asking them to help us.

The next Recorder Group meeting is at 21 Chace Avenue on Thursday 28 November. Any member is welcome to attend, but please notify Dan Ruge-Cope (tel. 53221).

OUTINGS 1986

The Committee has plans to extend the scope and diversity of the outings next year, so if you have any bright ideas contact Bruce Chanter (tel. 51931).

SOUTH MIMMS' MEMBERS

In addition to the printed lecture programme it is proposed to hold a lecture in the Village Hall, on a date to be arranged, entitled 'South Mimms - an alternative view'. Brian Warren will be the speaker and Terry Goulding the projectionist.

Having filled the Hall for Helen Baker's lecture last year it was felt that it would be of interest to give a lecture based on the Society's slides, many of which have been acquired in the past two years.

Do not forget to contact Jeff and Betty Fost with your memories of the village. Remember history is all around you.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Mrs Stallard, a member for a number of years, has moved away and we wish her every happiness in her new home.

The Committee was very sorry to hear of the death of Mr Wicket and sends its deepest condolences to Mrs Wicket and her son.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Canning on the recent addition to their family.

Everyone will be pleased to hear that Cyril and Ena Overend have established themselves in their new home at 5 Rosary Court. A garden shed has been erected and Cyril is now tackling the garden, as well as the Festival programme.

Mrs M. Weir is in the process of moving to Gloucestershire and we wish her a trouble-free move and thank her for her support over many years.

WINTER LECTURE PROGRAMME

If you require a lift to these meetings, or are able to provide one, please inform a Committee member.

Do not forget to look at the Society's noticeboard, now in the capable hands of Dick Harris.

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER Oakmere House 8pm Committee Room 3

'Follies' by Mr K. E. Ruge

Follies are not only things we commit and regret but can also be things which our ancestors committed intentionally. This talk will illustrate those erected by the Duke of Buckingham in the grounds, landscaped by Capability Brown, of what is now Stowe School.

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER Oakmere House 8pm Committee Room 3

'The History of Children's Books' by Mrs B. Chanter

This talk will outline the history of story-telling from sagas through folk fairy tales, to show the evolution of the story and the story-tellers art. Mention will be made of some of the important book illustrators.

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER Oakmere House 8pm Committee Room 3

'Explorations in Hertfordshire' by Mr G. Dalling

The illustrated lecture will explore the towns of Hertford, Ware and St Albans and show the architectural and picturesque scenes of neighbouring villages in Hertfordshire.

FAMILY HISTORY

Since the last Newsletter enquiries have been received concerning the Bunker family of Potters Bar High Street (1840-90); the Burgess family of Quakers Lane (early 20thC) and the Stokes family of South Mimms, in particular a Richard Stokes c.1782. If you have any knowledge of these families please contact the Chairman (Cuffley 875617), who will pass on your information. Thank you.

Contact has been made with someone who is researching the Lewkenor family and their research already shows a need to re-write pp36-37 of The Story of Potters Bar and South Mimms concerning the descent of the family.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

Grateful thanks are due to Diane Goodwin for making a start on typing out an index to the Society's photographic collection. Unfortunately she is now unable to complete the task.

All volunteers to help finish the index are more than welcome to contact any one of the Committee members.

THE JOURNAL 1986

All articles to Dan Ruge-Cope by 31 January 1986.

REMINDER

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

SOCIAL 7.30pm at TOC H, Barnet Road, Potters Bar
As last year, please bring your own food and this will be pooled for all to share. Tea and coffee will be provided.