

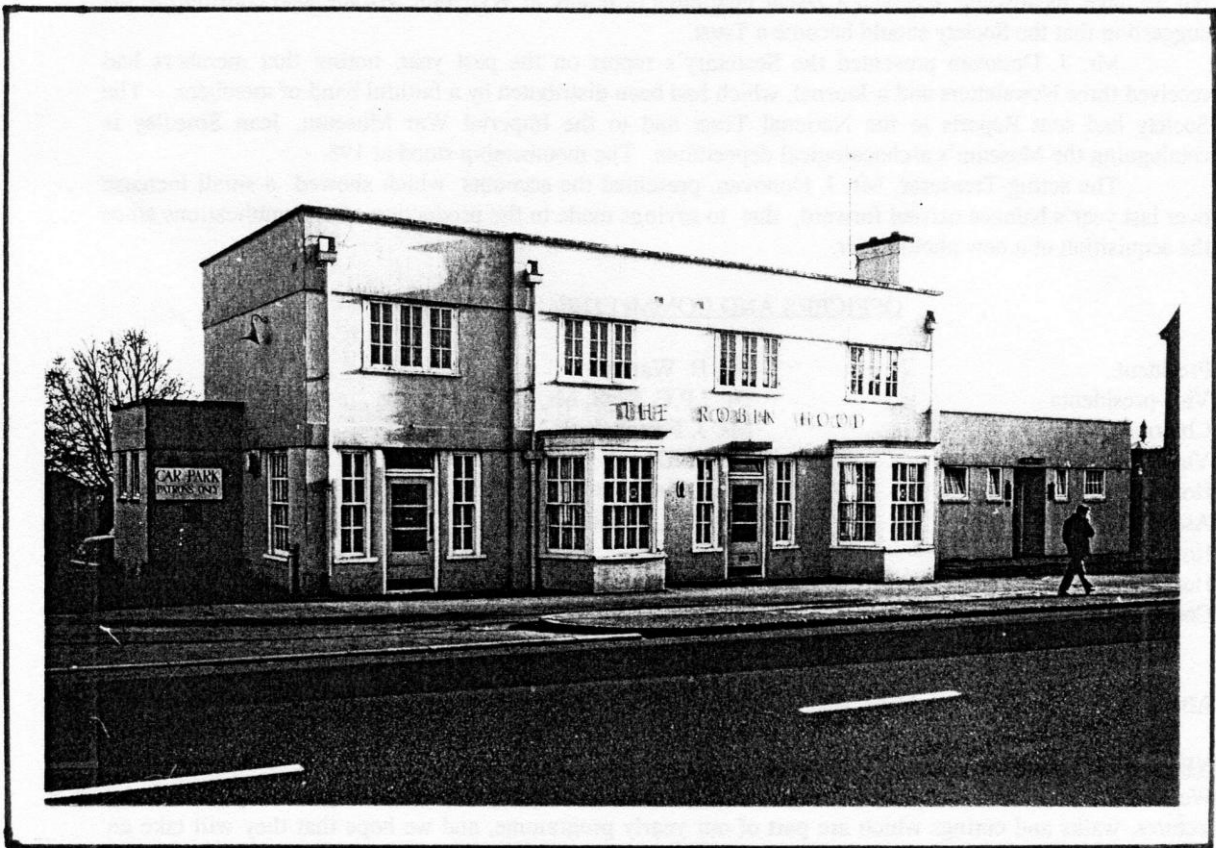
The Newsletter

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COVER PICTURE

This is the eighth in the series of black and white photographs of Potters Bar, taken between 1969 and 1972, by Mr. E. Bartlett, a former Secretary of the Society.



In 1721 William Swain was granted a piece of land abutting onto the King's Highway, at the Williotts Manor Court, and in 1740 a messuage was erected by William and Mary Stone. In 1751 it was a licensed premises called *The Robin Hood*, a name it retained for much of its time as a public house. The exceptions were 1760-61, *The Robin Hood and Damsel*; 1768-1811, *The Robin Hood and Little John*; and 1928-34, *The Old Robin Hood*. Following war damage in 1940, it was rebuilt and finally closed in 1980 to make way for M.F.I. (which has, itself, now transferred to the Friern Park Retail premises).

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

How nice it is to see sunshine and feel warmer and drier. Firstly, I should like to offer a big 'thank you' to the Stewards who helped out at the May Extravaganza held at St. Mary's Church in The Walk. Our Historical Society table was of great interest to many of the visitors; many questions were asked and answered; £113 was taken and £21.60 was given to Great Ormond Street Hospital; several people joined the Society and others showed interest in doing so

Our AGM was well attended and the Committee was re-elected as a whole, so we look forward to a year of progress as to Museum Registration and re-location, and many other interests that may occur. Thank you all for your loyal support along the way. A big thank you also for the help all our Stewards give to manning the Museum throughout the year.

Two more outings are attached to this Newsletter as well as a visit to London for a very interesting historical tour arranged by Colin Field. May I welcome all new members to the Society and trust that they will enjoy that which we have to offer. *JF.*

REPORT OF THE 39TH AGM

Ms. J. Foster, the Chairman, welcomed members to the meeting, and informed those present that the Museum is now well on its way to being Registered (after which we shall be able to apply to English Heritage for National Lottery funding!). We are actually still looking for new premises for the Museum but we have, meanwhile, received a 7-year guarantee of tenure at Wyllyotts. We are also considering the suggestion that the Society should become a Trust.

Mr. J. Donovan presented the Secretary's report on the past year, noting that members had received three Newsletters and a Journal, which had been distributed by a faithful band of members. The Society had sent Reports to the National Trust and to the Imperial War Museum. Jean Smedley is cataloguing the Museum's archaeological depositions. The membership stood at 198.

The acting-Treasurer, Mr. J. Donovan, presented the accounts which showed a small increase over last year's balance carried forward, due to savings made in the production of our publications since the acquisition of a new photocopier.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 1998/9

President	Mr. B. Warren.
Vice-presidents	Dr. J.P.C. Kent, Mr. T.G. Goulding.
Chairman	Ms. J. Foster.
Vice-chairman	Mr. A. Davey.
Hon. Sec.	Mr. J. Donovan.
Asst. Hon. Sec.	Mr. T.G. Goulding.
Hon. Treasurer	VACANT
Hon. Archivist	Mr. B. Warren.
Committee	Mrs. J. Cullen, Mr. I. Cumming, Mr. T.C. Field, Mr. B. Kolbert,

After the termination of the AGM, Mr. Bill Killick gave an interesting talk on "North Mymms House".

NEW MEMBERS

We should like to welcome the following new Members to the Society. We trust they will enjoy the many lectures, walks and outings which are part of our yearly programme, and we hope that they will take an active part in the life of the Society:- Mrs. F. Attrill, Mr. G. Corre, Mrs. M. Cox, Ms. J.P. Galloway, Mr. & Mrs. J.Kearns, Mrs. D. Sandilands, Mr. P.J. Sayce, Miss M. Smith, and Mrs. J. Ufland.

PUBLICATIONS

Grateful thanks are expressed to the authors and those who sell the booklets, on behalf of the Society. During the past thirteen years 16,505 booklets have been printed and, of those sold, the profit has been £6,815.

Throughout this period the standard of presentation has been improved and other Societies have requested information on how they can produce their own publications.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Following her recent illness, we should like to send best wishes from the Committee and the members to Mabel Hammett.

PUBLICATIONS - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Further to the request in the previous Newsletter, Brian Warren would be pleased to receive information and anecdotes about any aspect of Oakmere House from the 1950's to its closure in 1990. As mentioned before, personal reminiscences provide additional colour to the story which can be gleaned from printed sources; would members contact Brian, as soon as possible (6 Church Close, Cuffley, Herts. EN6 4LS. Phone 875617).

MUSEUM NEWS

Just a reminder to members that the present exhibition is entitled "More Photographic Views in and around Potters Bar", and will end on the 30th June 1998. This will be followed by "Barnet Fair Through the Ages". It is hoped that all members will take the opportunity to visit these exhibitions.

For those members who have not been to the Museum in recent months, there are now two small exhibitions; the information for the first one, on railways, was provided by Gordon Eve, and the second one, on local bricks, by Terry Goulding. This latter exhibition includes examples from before and after the brick Tax of 1784, bricks with the maker's personal stamp on, specialised bricks and ones from local sites.

In the near future it is hoped to replace the exhibition on dolls with one on various types of horseshoes, and feature, on the Recorder Board, information on local Coal Tax Markers from information collected by John Donovan.

SUMMER LECTURE PROGRAMME

Friday, 22nd May. "Edwardian Stevenage" by Mr. John D. Amess. Mr. Amess is a member of the Stevenage Society for Local History and author of "Stevenage at War 1939-40", published by Stevenage Museum.

THE MEETINGS START AT 8PM *PROMPT* IN THE 60 PLUS CENTRE, WYLLYOTTS CENTRE. ALL ARE WELCOME. ADMISSION IS FREE.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- **Saturday 6th June.** **Historical tour of Clerkenwell.** We shall meet at the ticket office of Potters Bar Station at 12 noon, leaving London for home around 5pm. Costs - return Travel Card from PB (£6.50 or £4.50), donation at St. John's Gate £3.50 (£3.00 OAPs) and £1 tip for Guide.
- Further details from committee member Colin Field, 6 Inglefield, PB. EN6 1HD.
- **Wednesday 17th June.** **Reading and Stratfield Saye House,** Enfieldian outing; see attached sheet.
- **Wednesday 15th July.** **Chichester or Bognor Regis,** Enfieldian outing; see attached sheet.
- **Wednesday 29th July.** **An evening stroll** to include the areas surrounding North Mymms Church and Water End. Meet by the War Memorial at the entrance to North Mymms Park at 6.30 for 6.45pm.

AUTUMN LECTURE PROGRAMME (PREVIEW)

- Friday, September 25th 1998** "The Anatomy Theatre of the Barber-Surgeons of London",
by Professor Dennis Hill.
- Tuesday, October 20th 1998** "The Rolls Royce Story"
by Douglas. H. Green (Proprietor of Hadley Green Garage)
- Friday, November 20th 1998** To be advised.

POTTERS BAR SOCIAL SOCIETY.

Illustrated Lectures have been arranged for the autumn season (speakers to be confirmed). These will be held at the Tilbury Hall, Darkes Lane, commencing at 8pm, admission £1.50. Dates as follows: Thursday, 17th September, Thursday, 29th October and Thursday, 17th December

Details from Mrs. P. Hardiment, 34 Parkside, High Street, Potters Bar, EN6 5AU. (***PLEASE ENCLOSE STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE***), or at Tilbury Hall for each event.

If you would like to be placed on the Mailing List for PBSS events, or should you require a lift to or from a PBSS event at Tilbury Hall, please contact Mrs. Hardiment.

GARDEN OF THE HEART

There is a garden of the heart
Where wild birds sing
All the paths are soft and green
The air as fresh as spring

Pink and amber roses climb
From the soft, moist earth
Round every hidden corner
You meet souls of merriment and mirth

When sorrows veil the path ahead
And life's thorns pierce the soul
Go down into your garden
Through glowing blossoms stroll

The gate is always open
If you will let it be
Comfort and peace you find there
And love eternally

"Chairman's Finds" (from *The Lady* magazine)

CAR LIFTS FOR MEMBERS. Certain of our members are unable to attend the lecture meetings due to lack of transport. It would be appreciated if any member who is willing to offer a lift to meetings would contact the Chairman, who could then put them in touch with the Member needing the lift.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 1998/9 are now due; adults £3, Family/Group £5. Send your cheque, payable to "Potters Bar & District Historical Society", to our Membership Secretary, Eileen Field, 51 High View Gardens, Herts. EN6 5PN. Tel. 653801. Prompt payment would be much appreciated.

If you do not intend to renew your subscription, kindly inform the Membership Secretary.

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ENFIELDIAN COACH OUTINGS 1998

WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE 1998
READING AND STRATFIELD SAYE HOUSE
FARE £13.95 (includes admission)

Break for lunch in the market centre and university town of Reading whose museum exhibits "Britain's Bayeux Tapestry". Spend the afternoon in the ancestral home of Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington, and enjoy a personal insight into one of Britain's greatest heroes. There are also fine gardens, grounds and a wildfowl sanctuary.

Pick-up point is Southgate Road, Potters Bar, at **10.20am**.

Return the application form to:-

Ms. J. Foster, 15 Gregory Avenue, Potters Bar, EN6 5PX.

Cheques made payable to **Oakfield Tours Ltd**, please.

Closing date for applications is 6th June 1998.



I/we wish to reserveplaces for the **JUNE 17TH** outing at £13.95 per person, and I enclose cheque for £.....

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....



WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY 1998
CHICHESTER OR BOGNOR REGIS
FARE £9.95

Break for coffee at Guildford Cathedral and then have the opportunity to either spend the day in the fine old walled city of Chichester, renowned for its market, cathedral and three museums, or enjoy a breath of ozone in the dignified Edwardian resort of Bognor Regis. Home by approx. 7.30pm.

Pick-up point is Southgate Road, Potters Bar, at **9.10am**.

Return the application form to:-

Ms. J. Foster, 15 Gregory Avenue, Potters Bar, EN6 5PX.

Cheques made payable to **Oakfield Tours Ltd**, please.

Closing date for applications is 8th July 1998.



I/we wish to reserveplaces for the **JULY 15TH** outing at £9.95 per person, and I enclose cheque for £.....

Name.....

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