

# POTTERS BAR & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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THE NEWSLETTER

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## THE AGM

The Secretary's report outlined another successful year with a record membership of 108 - doubled in two years. All events had been well-supported and members had expressed their appreciation.

The Society continued to play an active part in the Hertfordshire Recorder Scheme and had extended its contacts with other local societies. The Potters Bar Festival had provided favourable publicity and £100 profit.

The Newsletter had been published three times during the year to keep members informed of all the activities. The new 'Journal' was published.

The Treasurer's report showed a profit of £300 over last year, whereas the total income two years ago was only £326. The financial statement reflected the increased membership and interest in the Society.

The following officers and committee were elected for 1986/87:

President	Mrs.M.Brittain, M.P.S.		
Vice-President	Dr.J.P.C.Kent, B.A.,Ph.D.,F.S.A.		
Chairman	Mr.B.Warren	6 Church Close, Cuffley	875617
Vice-Chairman	Mr.R.A.Crook	29 Gould Close, Welham Green	
Hon. Secretary	Mr.R.Harris	25 Cotton Road, Potters Bar	
Asst.Hon.Sec.	vacant		
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.J.Groves, Mrs.B.Clinton, Mr.B.Chanter, Mr.D.Ruge-Cope, Mr.W.S.Taylor, Dr.A.C.Lynch.		

Dr.A.C.Lynch relinquished the post of vice-chairman but had agreed to serve on the Committee. Geof.Pulzer resigned from the Committee after many years' service, including five years as chairman. In recognition of his services he was presented with a copy of Alex. Hay's 'Handbook of Golf'.

The Chairman in his review explained that members had between them many skills, which could be of considerable assistance to the Society as a whole. He asked members to consider whether they were making the full use of their gifts for the Society's benefit. He then thanked the voluntary efforts of the officers, committee and members during the past year. It was intended to include a Members' evening next February, in which, three speakers were each required to speak for fifteen minutes.

Following the AGM a meeting of this type was given on the theme of 'The Society through the year'. Terry Goulding spoke first on 'What the Recorders are doing'. He showed the development of The Acorn site, from the former Stormont tennis court to the completed houses. Also, he illustrated some of the archaeological finds, which identified this hitherto unknown medieval occupation site.

Brian Warren then spoke on the Society's social year with slides illustrating the visit to Polesden Lacey, the walk to North Myms, the social at TOC H and the exhibition 'Potters Bar at the turn of the Century'. The evening concluded with Reg Crook leading a discussion on members' memories of everyday things in grandma's house.

Over a third of the membership attended the AGM and indicated their approval of this form of meeting. If YOU think you could speak in February or need help to prepare a short talk, please contact Reg, Crook (Hatfield 66545). Remember your hobby has a history which could be of interest to members.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Treasurer reports that over half the membership had renewed their subs due on the 1st April by the 24th April. So hurry up or you might be the last by the end of May!

## MEMBERS' NEWS

A sincere welcome is extended to Mr. & Mrs I. Dempster, Mr & Mrs C. Irons, Mr & Mrs R. Jones, Mr. R. Howard, Mrs. M. Myatt, Mr & Mrs D Attrill, Mrs J Hall and Mr & Mrs M Keevil on joining the Society. Mr Clinton, Mrs Field and Mrs Guttridge have joined their respective partners as members, whilst Mr Axford and Mrs E.M. Wilson have re-joined.

We wish Mrs Taylor, the wife of committee member Bill, a speedy recovery after her recent stay in hospital.

Thanks are due to Mrs. Woodman, who has undertaken to complete the typing of the Society's Photographic Collection's index.

It was with regret the Committee accepted the resignation of Mrs Chris Ruge-Cope from the Society's publications' sub-committee. Her service has been invaluable in this department and she has toiled many hours in producing The Newsletter, The Journal and the proposed new publications.

## SOUTH MIMMS

Following the request for missing copies of the SMs Parish Newsletter and Parish Papers, our President and Mr & Mrs Graham Sillis have kindly donated their magazines. Dan Ruge-Cope now holds a complete run from March 1959 to the present, also Jan 1959, July and April 1958. So we now need the missing copies of 1958 and 1959 to complete the series, as April 1958 was No.1. In the latter edition it was noted the church was in need of restoration and half the Chancel roof was renewed because of dry rot. Similarly the Church Hall floor had dry rot.

## ACQUISITIONS

If you live locally and are moving house or have to assist in clearing out a building, please remember the Society before throwing anything away. In such an event please contact a member of the Committee.

According to the Lord Chancellor once deeds are no longer required for legal purposes they should be offered to a local repository, in the first place. Please notify your solicitor!

## HERTS RECORDER SCHEME

Mr & Mrs Axford have volunteered to be the recorders for Area 10 (Cranborne estate -Mymshall Farm area). The officers and committee thank them for their kind gesture and will give them every support.

The boundary line of Area 7, as shown in the last Newsletter, has been moved from near the brook on PB Golf Course to the railway line, so that Manor Road and Station Close are now included.

The next Recorder Group Meeting is on June 26th, at 51, Highview Gardens, at 8.00 p.m.

## THE JOURNAL No.1 April 1985

### Amendments Cathale Priory

p5 line 23 the date should be 1290 and not 1250.

p6 reference 4 The local history records once in Cheshunt library are now at the Herts.Co.Record Office.

## MAY LECTURE Thursday 22nd Oakmere House 8pm Committee Room 3

"Discoveries at Harlowbury" by Mr Adrian Gibson

Adrian Gibson is an excellent speaker who has addressed the Society on previous occasions. Near Harlow is the remains of a Norman Chapel and over the garden wall is what appears to be a Victorian House. On closer examination this is a 12th century hall. The theme of the talk will be that there are quite a number of 12th century houses about, unrecognised until recently because people were not expecting to find houses of that age.

## VOTE OF THANKS

It is usual to give our visiting speakers a vote of thanks and if you feel you could perform this task would you contact any member of the Committee. The more who volunteer the fewer times one has to perform. Thank you.

## PRIOR NOTICE WEA Class 'The History of Potters Bar and South Mimms'

by Brian Warren. 12 weeks from Tues. 30 Sept. at De Havilland College, The Walk. (Cost not known at present)

## DISTRIBUTORS

The Chairman wishes to convey his personal thanks to the following people who have conveyed printed matter to members during the past year:- Mr.S.Redington, Mrs P.Remington Mrs R.J.LaBaigue, Mr G.Eve, Mr & Mrs R.Horsefield, Mrs E.Gordon, Mrs J.Groves, Mr & Mrs H Sillis, Mr C.Overend, Mr R.Crook, Mrs V.Bell, Mr E.Elliott and Mr R Warwick.

## SUMMER PROGRAMME

### SPAINS HALL OUTING 14 June Saturday

The demand has been so great that we now have a waiting list. If we can find 17 more people then it is proposed to have two coaches, otherwise some members will be disappointed, so please persuade more of your friends to come.

By good fortune St Andrews Church, Greensted juxta Ongar, is holding a Herb Festival on the 14 June, so this will be an added attraction.

All those going will be notified separately by Bruce Chanter of the exact arrangements.

### GUIDED WALK OF RIDGE 30 June Monday 7 - 9pm.

Our member, Ted Salter, who has lived in Ridge for over fifty years and is its local historian, has agreed to conduct the Society's first tour of a local village.

Members are asked to meet on the green near the Church gate at 7 pm sharp.

### JESUS COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE 12 July Saturday

Our President has agreed to conduct a party of 25 members round the College, as she did on the Society's twentieth anniversary. As numbers are limited it has been thought fairer to give priority to those who did not go last time considering the Society's ~~xxx~~ many new members.

Travel will be by car and we can park in the College grounds. Members can spend all day in Cambridge but our President will meet us at 2.30pm, in Jesus College grounds. Following the tour there will be a tea provided by the Bursar for which there is a charge of 60p.

### ANNUAL WALK 20 July Sunday 2.00pm

This year's circular walk will start at the footpath near Quakers Lane which crosses the grounds of Morwen. It is intended to walk to Northaw Church, where the Rev.J.Sykes has agreed to open the church. The party will continue down Hook Lane, which can be rather muddy, to the Middlesex and Hertfordshire Conservation Trusts reserve of Pond and Fir Wood. The history of the Old Pond appeared in this year's Journal. It is hoped a member of the Trust will be able to conduct us round. From there the walk will return to the starting point via Coopers Lane Road and the Causeway.

### SOCIAL 13 September Saturday 6.30 for 7.00 pm

The Rev.Robert Gage, a member of the Society, has kindly allowed us the use of the South Mimms Vicarage and Gardens for this event, for which we are very grateful. As in previous years it will be organised on an American picnic arrangement, whereby one brings some food and this is pooled for all to share. If more than tea or coffee is required please bring your own.

The Society's Potters Bar Festival lecture will be on Thurs. 2nd Oct. at Oakmere House, entitled "Public Transport in Potters Bar - stage coaches, railways and buses"

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Please complete and return to a Committee member by the 1st June to assist with final arrangements. Thank you. Please tick or indicate accordingly.

I/We expect to attend the guided walk round Ridge.....

I/We would like to visit Jesus College .....

I have a car and would have ..... seats available.

I/We would like a lift and require ..... seats

I/We expect to attend the annual walk .....

I/We expect to attend the social ..... Name .....(BLOCK LETTERS)