



The Newsletter

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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE, 1995 - 1996

One is pleased to inform members that Jean Foster, a committee member this year, has agreed to be proposed as Chairman from the next AGM.

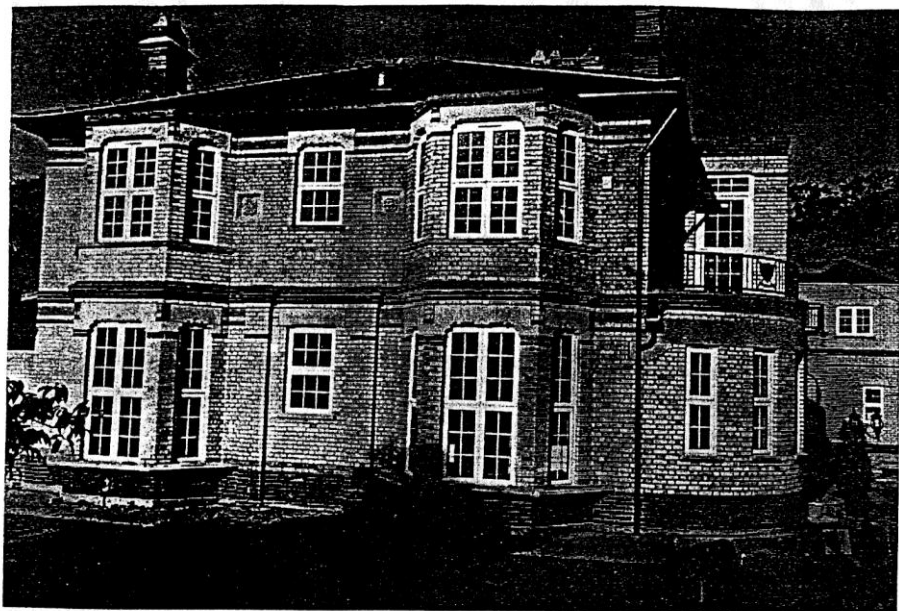
If all the present committee are still willing to serve, then there is a vacancy for one more committee member. Please contact Joan Groves, our Vice-Chairman, (643974) if one would like to join the committee. New blood is always needed to keep a Society flourishing, so contact Joan immediately.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 1994-5

All those members whose subscriptions for the present year are still outstanding, according to the Membership Secretary's books, will find a form enclosed, and PROMPT PAYMENT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

If one does not intend to renew their subscription, please notify the Membership Secretary, 51, Highview Gardens. PHONE:- 653801

OCCASIONAL PAPERS - No.5



RYDAL MOUNT 1994

LIFE AS REMEMBERED FROM RYDAL MOUNT (1905-1927)

by MRS MARGUERITE EMILY BARROWMAN

(THIS PUBLICATION CONSISTS OF 52 PAGES, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS
AND PLANS.) **PRICE £2.**

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PUBLICATIONSOCCASIONAL PAPER No.5.LIFE AS REMEMBERED FROM RYDAL MOUNT (1905-1927

by Mrs Marguerite Emily Barrowman, is now available, price £2.

HOW IT CAME TO BE PUBLISHED

On the 8th December, 1967, an article appeared in "The Barnet Press" entitled, "Grandma's vignette of life in Potters Bar." The review was by Mick Gibbons, and he noted, "Reading this painstakingly typed book, illustrated with drawings, maps and photographs, I was impressed by Mrs Barrowman's ability to convey her keen sense of nostalgia for the Potters Bar of her childhood, ..."

"Mrs Barrowman, one of five children of Sir Joseph and Lady Burn, was born at Grasmere, Dugdale Hill Lane, Potters Bar, two days before the death of Queen Victoria, in 1901."

He then relates the story much as we have published it.

I cut out this very interesting article and duly filed it away with my other Barnet Press Cuttings.

Maurice Burn, the youngest child of Sir Joseph and Lady Burn, had kept in contact with Dan and Chris Ruge-Cope, which resulted in some of his writings being deposited with the Society. Also, an article by Mrs Kathleen E Scarff, his sister, appeared in PBHS No.14 on 'Zeppelins'.

In November 1988, I wrote to Maurice Burn to enquire what articles he had written on Potters Bar and his family. He replied on the 18th November listing his writings and suggested that I could go to Slindon, Sussex, to collect them. Not one to miss an opportunity, I went to Slindon on the 4th December. Unfortunately

he had been taken into hospital but his wife entertained me and showed me the writings. One was a photocopy of "I Remember or What Granny Did" by Mrs M E Barrowman. I realised this was what Mick Gibbons had reviewed in 1967. I was interested in other works and Mrs Burn suggested I wrote to the surviving relatives concerning their copyright. This I did but without much success.

Thus the story came to an end until we opened the Museum. Early in 1993, Mrs J Moore, one-time neighbour of Dr. and Mrs Barrowman, in Heath Drive, came into the Museum with a photocopy of Mrs Barrowman's story to enquire about the possibility of it being published. This copy had come from Mrs G E Hearson, daughter of the late Mrs Barrowman. The copy was left with me, and Terry having photocopied the parts of interest about Potters Bar, I wrote to Mrs Hearson. A reply was received dated the 30th March, granting us permission to publish but Mrs Hearson wished to retain the full copyright.

By a piece of good fortune I was to attend a Summer Academy course in Exeter in July/August. Taking advantage of this I called at Mrs Hearson's farm, at Dunsford, just beyond Exeter, on the 31st July, 1993. I always believe that relationships on such matters can be improved by a personal visit rather than by correspondence. Thus it proved to be.

Again another twist in the story occurred, as when I went to collect the photocopy from Mrs Moore, she had given it to a friend of hers, who was a proof-reader, to see if she knew someone who might publish it. Thus it was some time before we actually received the manuscript. Terry Goulding then came into the

story, as is usual at this stage in all our publications. He produced a page-for-page copy as we suggested it should be published and this was sent to Devon for approval. It was a while before it returned with a few suggestions and additional information because Mr. Hearson had been in hospital. That was September 1994. Terry then made a mock-up of what was eventually published and this was sent to Mrs Hearson for her approval. In a letter (28th November) Mrs Hearson asked if we could include a photograph of The Conservatory, "as it was so much part of the house ...". There were slight amendments to the plans of Rydal Mount 1944 (pp.6-7), but she wrote, "Except for these few things it has come out very well, Thank you."

Terry removed a second picture on page 11 of another view across the Orchard Pond and inserted the one of The Conservatory. By this time Christmas was fast approaching, a good time for bringing a book onto the market, so Terry worked frantically to complete the final printed edition. Terry and I assembled and stapled together 100 copies. The rest were collated and folded on the Sunday at the Pennyfarthing Fayre by the Duty Stewards.

One has outlined this production in detail to give members some idea of what is involved in producing a publication. So just remember when you purchase your copy at £2, it is good value for money.

Yes, 27 years from when one first knew of the existence of the work to its publication.

Brian Warren

6 PUBLICATION EXTRA

Reprints of PBHS Nos.3 and 5; Occasional Paper No.2; The Journal No.7 and 'The Growth of the Little Heath Area to 1914' means that there is now a complete set of our publications in print, on sale at Potters Bar Health Foods and the Museum.

SPRING LECTURE PROGRAMME - Monthly Meetings

THURSDAY JANUARY 26th

Surviving Local Timber-Framed Buildings

by Brian Warren

This talk will outline the speaker's researches over the past twenty years on this subject. In fact, it allows him to bring together his work in most cases revealing features not visible to the outside observer.

He dedicates this lecture to Adrian Gibson from whom he has gained most of his knowledge on timber-framed buildings. Also, Adrian has always been willing to give of his expertise when presented with a problem by the speaker.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23rd

Popular Religion in Hertfordshire - Before the Reformation by Dr. Stephen Doree

The speaker last addressed the Society in January 1987, on 'The Sassoons of Trent Park'. This was a most appropriate subject as he was once on the staff at Trent Park Teachers' Training College, subsequently to become Middlesex University.

He has undertaken extensive research into his subject and thus the talk should be of great interest to all members who would like to know more about the state of religion prior to the Reformation in Hertfordshire.

Dr. Doree has contributed a volume to the Hertfordshire Record Society's learned publications.

FRIDAY MARCH 24th

Displaying London's Pre-History

by Jonathan Cotton

Jonathan Cotton, early in 1994, examined all the pre-history finds in our Museum, he was able to provide further information, which was added to the exhibits. He is the senior person in the pre-history department of The Museum of London, and has been responsible for the pre-history display at the Museum, the subject of his talk.

ALL MEETINGS START AT 8 pm in the Old People's Welfare Centre, Wyllyotts Centre.

PRIOR NOTICE TUESDAY APRIL 25th

A.G.M. followed by an illustrated talk, 'Changing Potters Bar in the 1980's'.

MUSEUM OF LONDON

GALLERY TALKS, THURSDAY at 2.30 pm

TALKS LAST 40 minutes

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| 26th January | Seeing the sites: 20 years and still digging by Jonathon Cotton |
| 2nd February | Knitting nettles: prehistoric clothing, by Barbara Wood |
| 16th March | Touch Wood: making things before metal, by Damian Goodburn |
| 23rd March | Animal resources: not just skin and bone? By Alan Pipe |
| 30th March | Handling history: prehistoric artifacts, by Jonathon Cotton and Barbara Wood |
| 6th April | Prehistoric muesli: plant archaeology, by John Giorgi |

THE JOURNAL No.8 (FREE TO MEMBERS)

It is hoped to have this ready in March.

MEMBERS' NEWS

We welcome Mr & Mrs A Johnson and Mrs J Wallis as new members to the Society and look forward to seeing them at our meetings.

Sincere condolences are expressed to Mrs Batchelor on the passing of her husband.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Colin Irons on becoming grandparents.

THE MUSEUM

Thanks are expressed to all the stewards who give their time, so that the Museum can be opened to the public.

A new exhibition (SEE ADVERT) displays more pictures of Potters Bar in the past.

VISITORS' FIGURES:-

1991	Open 151 times	2,352 visitors
1992	Open 161 times	2,544 visitors
1993	Open 163 times	2,295 visitors
1994	Open 163 times	2,658 visitors

Of the above figures, over 1000 visitors come on the Sunday Antique Fayres, so it is grateful thanks to Terry and his stewards for covering from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. In fact, in 1994, 46% of the visitors came to the Fayres. This year there are more Fayres booked. If you could help on a Sunday please contact Terry. (655794)

THE RECORDER GROUP

Grateful thanks are expressed to Hazel Powell, who has agreed to take over as the recorder for Area No.5, recently relinquished by Stan Redington. She has also agreed to help steward the Museum on Saturdays.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE AUGUST 1994

Following the contribution I made in the last issue concerning the above, no further correspondence has been received. I noted that the first part of Potters Bar might have been derived from the family name of Geoffrey le Potter, who lived in the parish of South Mimms (not Potters Bar) in 1294. As the first known reference to Potters Bar is in 1387, I suggested that the name of Potters Bar was established between 1294 and 1387 along with the settlement.

At the time of writing the above I forgot that I had been working for a while on the earliest Court Roll of the Manor of South Mimms, by permission of the Marquess of Salisbury. The date of 1346 is by far the earliest of the Court Rolls I have examined at Hatfield House and is not easy to decipher. However, mention is made of Alice atte Barre, on three occasions, presumably the same person. Is it possible the Potters part was added at a later date?

In North Mymms one has still today Bell Bar and Swanley Bar, but the records at Westminster Abbey for that parish (WAM 4271 and 4297) mentions Nevillesbarre and Sternesbarre in the 1460's. Mention of a Sterne family is even recorded at an earlier date.

For those of our members interested in the Great North Road (WAM 4294) dated 1483 gives reference to, 'Alice Bygmore one ditch next the King's highway leading from London towards Hatfield.'

Brian Warren

EXTRACTS FROM THE BARNET PRESS31st July, 1897WHETSTONE

'The Lady Footballers will play a match against a team of gentlemen at The Green Man, Whetstone, on August Bank Holiday.' We append a 'counterfeit presentment' of one of the lady players in football rig:-

29th December, 1917TOTTENHAM TERRORS

At Enfield Sessions, on Monday, two boys named Long and Stevens, 12 years of age, were charged with stealing £10 in Treasury notes from the Edmonton Co-operative Stores. The evidence showed that they were members of a gang who frequented picture palaces. It has also been asserted that some of these boys set fire to Tottenham Mission Church. Both of the arrested had already been in a truant school, but had escaped, and took with them some

clothes which they had stolen - Long was ordered six strokes of the birch, and Stevens was sent to a reformatory school.'

11th July, 1936

'NO CHURCHES IN 2036

Dr. Berry's Arresting Sermon at
Congregational Church Anniversary
The influence of Modern Books'

"If the drift away from the churches goes on in the next century at the rate it has proceeded in the last quarter-of-a-century, in many places there will be no churches left," said the Reverend Dr. Sidney M Berry in an outstanding sermon on 'The Call of the Age of the Church' at the Congregational Church, Vitoria-avenue, Finchley, on Sunday evening.

The occasion was the 30th anniversary of the Church End Congregational Church.

20th January 1945

SEX EQUALITY

Post-war Opportunities

"Mrs Gorsky said that as partners in the same world, men and women should share the same problems."

"Looking to the future, Mrs Gorsky said she wanted to see more women in the voluntary services and local government, and she hoped there would be at least a hundred women M.P.'s. She urged that housewives should be accorded proper recognition and greater opportunities to be good citizens by having more help in the home.

Speaking of women in trades and professions, Mrs Gorsky said they should be paid at the proper rate for the work, and have equal opportunities with men of rising to executive positions."

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PHOTOGRAPHS OF POTTERS BAR'S PAST

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