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COVER PICTURE

This is a photo taken from the collection held by Terry Goulding.



'Before you ask. Yes! She is mine, and just you try to put your modern identification tag in our ears.' The ram and lamb at Bentley Heath Farm in springtime in c.1937. (Frederick Cole photo).

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

To all our Members.

We are coming to the end of the current season of lectures and it is time to get some exercise in the garden in the spring and summer; they say it keeps you fit for something. By the look of the spring flowers in my garden and the blossoms about to break out on the fruit trees, it is apparent that at least some things have appreciated the very wet if warm spring.

I have often pondered why the Roman and other artefacts found locally were buried so deeply in the ground. Now, after the recent dust or sand storm from the Sahara in April, and learning that this can happen two or three times a year, perhaps I should not be so surprised at the build up.

At say 9 grams per square metre per year since Roman times, so X 2000 years, it totals 18 kilograms of deposit per square metre. Then I heard a lady on the TV *Flog It* programme asked what she collected? She said 'dust'. (She must have been thinking about volcanoes.) I knew from my lawn that the worms were never idle in burying things, so I suppose Bob must be my uncle as they say.

I hope to see you all at our final meeting this season on Thursday 29th May.

Terry Goulding

NEW MEMBERS

We should like to welcome Judith Wheeler on joining the Society. We hope she will come to our lectures and occasional outings that are part of our yearly programme, and will take an active part in our Society.

Richard Lee

OBITUARY - DAVID CLARK

It is sad to have to record the death of one of the museum's Wednesday stewards, David Clark. As well as a long-serving steward, David was a regular guide at Wesley's House, the museum of Methodism and for over 30 years was a Scout leader, combining this with being their Treasurer at the same time. When younger he was a keen traveller, visiting China and India long before it became popular or easy. He died after a short illness, aged 83 and is much missed.

Arnold Davey

BEST WISHES TO....

Sarah Bulling and Roy Hammett have both undergone recent operations. We wish them the best of luck in their recoveries.

PBHS Committee

POTTERS BAR MUSEUM News

The museum acquired an important object in April when David Shillitoe handed over the silver mounted ebony gavel with which his grandfather, the Potters Bar UDC councillor after whom the road is named, laid the foundation stone for the Cottage Hospital in 1939. The gavel has a silver ring around the handle on which is engraved details of the ceremony. It will join the case in which relics of the former Urban District Council are displayed. Our thanks to David for the gift, which was accompanied by his grandfather's truncheon, a relic of service as a Special Constable.

Arnold Davey

SPRING LECTURE

Thursday May 29th, 2014

The last lecture for this year will be ‘*Thomas Coram & Barnet’s Foundling Hospital*’ by Ms. Yvonne Tomlinson.

THE MEETING WILL START **PROMPTLY** AT 8PM IN THE 60 PLUS CENTRE, WYLLYOTTS CENTRE. EVERYONE WELCOME.

AUTUMN LECTURES will start again in September, and a new Programme Card will be issued with the September Newsletter.

The first Autumn lecture is on Tuesday September 16th when Colin Davies will be giving a talk on ‘*The Sydney Harbour Bridge – and how the iconic “coat-hanger” was built*’.

Richard Lee

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2014/15

The subscription year runs from April 1st to March 31st at a cost of £3 for individual adults, and £5 for a family or group.

If you have not yet paid, please would you send your remittance on the form attached to this Newsletter.

Please note we are always short of Stewards for the Potters Bar Museum. If there were more we could even open on an additional day in the week.

MUSEUM STEWARDS REQUIRED

Members are always needed to help look after the Museum. Perhaps you could help for just one day a month? It would be of great assistance and you would be on duty with an experienced steward.

Tuesdays	2.30 - 4.30pm, contact Ian Cumming on	01707 642296
Wednesdays	2.30 - 4.30pm, contact Arnold Davey on	01707 654179
Saturdays	11.00am – 1.00pm, contact Mabel Hammett on	01707 657120

THE SOCIETY’S 55TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Chairman Terry Goulding opened the official business of the AGM which was attended by 20 members.

As Sarah Bulling had recently resigned her Hon. Secretary role due to ill health, the 54th AGM report was not read, although copies were placed on each seat.

Terry Goulding outlined the activities and financial accounts for the PBHS.

Terry had suggested that next year we would be increasing the price of membership and this was approved by those present. This would become £5 for individuals (£3 currently), and £7 for families or groups (£5 currently). This was the first increase since 1993.

Arnold took over the meeting and Terry was again elected as Chairman. All members of the Committee were elected:

Chairman
Vice-chairman
Secretary

Terry Goulding
Arnold Davey
Andrew Hardy

(who did not attend the meeting. He has taken on some roles Sarah had done, but he did not want to take the Hon. Secretary role during the committee meetings.)

Treasurer
Archivist
Committee member
Committee member
Committee member
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Committee member

Terry Goulding
Brian Warren
Brian Kolbert
Mabel Hammett
Colin Field
Richard Lee
Dave Connatty (new member)
Chris Cook (new member)

Arnold Davey followed on with his report about the Potters Bar Museum.

After the AGM closed and refreshments had been consumed, Brian Warren's talked about *Miss Burnside & Modern Medical Research*. Hertfordshire had some of the oldest health statistics in the country from birth to later years, and Brian even found his own birth weight etc. after an enquiry. The result of the work by the Medical Research Council is that one's birth weight and after one year can affect one's health later in life. A low birth weight is a disadvantage. Brian was thanked afterwards for his presentation.

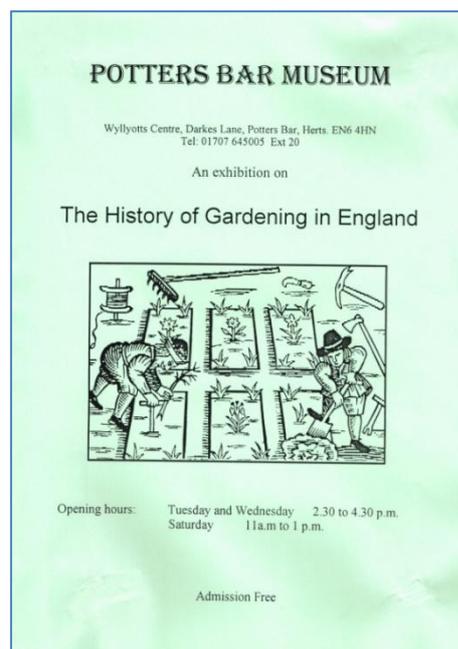
Richard Lee

POTTERS BAR MUSEUM Displays

The current display in the Potters Bar Museum is *The History of Gardening in England*. This can still be read until the end of June so there is still time to read it.

From July another display has been written by Arnold Davey on World War 1. It has a sub-title: *And how did we get dragged into this?*

(Potters Bar Museum opening hours are 2.30 pm. to 4.30 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 11 am to 1 pm on Saturday.)



Richard Lee

AN EVENING STROLL ROUND WROTHAM PARK
Wednesday 11th June

We meet at the main gates in Dancers Hill Road at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 11th June 2014.

If the weather is inclement then the walk will take place on Friday 13th June at 6.30 pm.

The distance is 3.4 miles and the pace leisurely!

Cars can be parked in Bentley Heath Lane. Brian Warren will lead the walk and can be contacted on 01707 875617.

Brian Warren

VISIT TO MUCH HADHAM FORGE
AND CROMER WINDMILL
Saturday 21st June

The Curator at Much Hadham tells me that the Buildings date to 1480 and the Forge to 1811. The Museum features a room of Elizabethan wall paintings and also the History of the Hadhams.

The Cromer Windmill is Hertfordshire's sole surviving windmill, built in 1681. It is a Post Mill, an oak post supporting the main structure. Flour milling continued until the 1920's when it became uneconomic. From 1967 to 1998 various phases of restoration were carried out until it was fully restored to working order, though flour mill working is not carried out.

Money from visitors help maintain the Forge and the Mill in its present condition for future generations to enjoy.

Timetable on Saturday June 21st

10.30 am	Meet outside 60+ Centre at Wyllyotts
10.30 – 11.30	Travel by car to Much Hadham
11.30 – 1.00	Guided tour of the Forge and Museum
1.00 – 2.00	Lunch in either The Bull pub or Hopleys Garden Centre, Much Hadham
2.00 – 2.30	Travel to Cromer (8 – 9 miles)
2.30 – 4.00	Guided tour of Cromer Windmill
4.00 – 5.00	Return to Potters Bar

Admission: A small charge is made which covers the guided tours.

If interested please contact Colin Field on 01707 857297 or e-mail colin.field@cwctv.net. I would like an idea of numbers before the final general meeting on Thursday May 29th.

P.S. Car petrol money will need to be shared and drivers accept no liability.

Colin Field

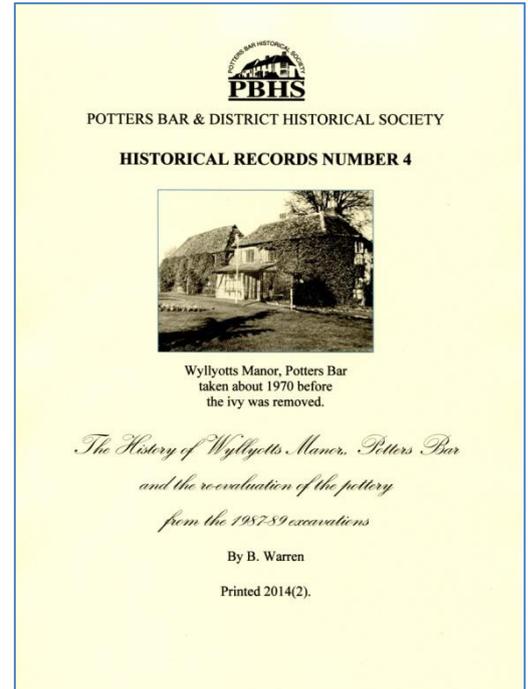
NEW PUBLICATION

Brian Warren has now authored another book on Wylyotts Manor: *The History of Wylyotts Manor, Potters Bar, and the re-evaluation of the pottery from the 1987-89 excavations*. The price of this book is £2 from the Potters Bar Museum. It is also available at the Health Food Shop in Darkes Lane, the Post Office in the High Street, and Elaine's also in Darkes Lane.

It can also be obtained by post from Mabel Hammett, 4 Heath Cottages, Heath Road, Potters Bar, Herts. EN6 4LS, e-mail roymabel@hotmail.com. With post and packing, the cost is £3. Please make cheques payable to *Potters Bar and District Historical Society*.

As suggested by the book's title, it covers two sections. The first is a history of Wylyotts Manor, which may be named from Thomas Wilyet/Wiliot in the 1300s, to the present day. The second half is research on sherds etc that were found on the site in 1987 to 1989.

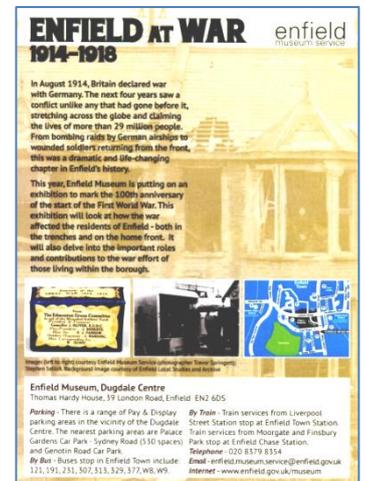
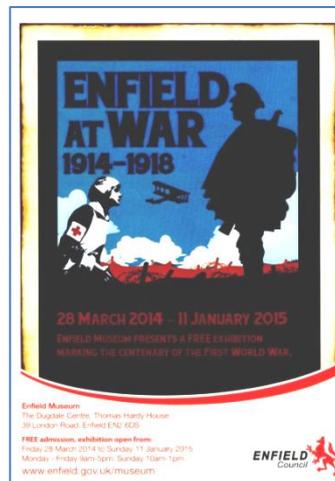
Richard Lee



ENFIELD MUSEUM SERVICE – Enfield at War 1914-1918

From now until 11th January next year there is a free exhibition on *Enfield at War 1914-1918* at Enfield Museum.

The Enfield Museum is in the Dugdale Centre, Thomas Hardy House, 39 London Road, Enfield EN2 6DS. ☎ 020 8379 8354.



EDMONTON HUNDRED HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A talk will be given by Ian Jones at 7.45 (for 8.00 pm) on Friday 4th July 2014. This will be entitled '*Terror from the Skies: Enfield and the air war 1914-18*'.

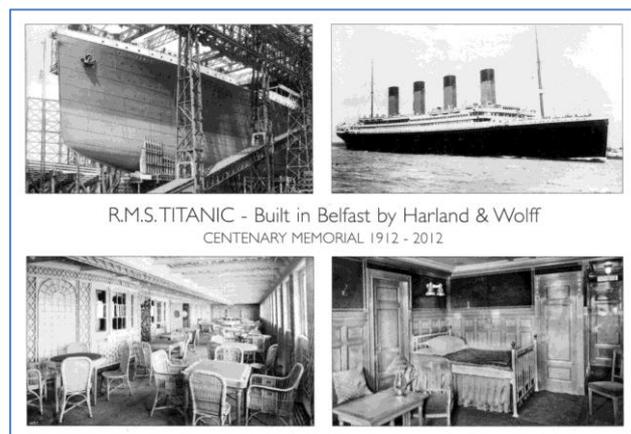
The talk is to be held at Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane (at the junction with Chase Side), Enfield, at the All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Edmonton N9, and at Bruce Castle, Lordship Lane, Tottenham N17. There is a charge of £1 per head for non-members.

This is a joint meeting between the *Edmonton Hundred Historical Society* and the *Enfield Archaeological Society*.

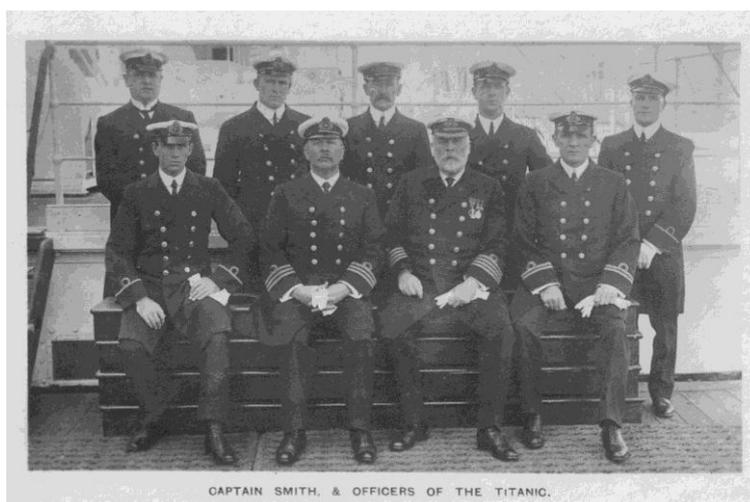
CHARLES H LIGHTOLLER

D.S.C. and Bar

Second Officer on the Titanic



The luxury liner R.M.S. Titanic sank on April 14th-15th, 1912, after hitting an iceberg south of Newfoundland, on its maiden voyage. Over 1500 people died and only 705 were rescued. Charles Lightoller was the most senior officer to survive and attended the inquiries in England and America.



Charles Lightoller is 2nd from left in the rear row.

After more than twenty years' service Lightoller left the White Star Line. Later as a Christian Scientist he worked at their premises off the Strand until it closed. In 1932 he moved from Putney to 17 Games Road, Cockfosters, the last house of the right before Hadley Wood, with his wife and five children.



17 Games Road, before it was demolished.

Charles Lightoller leased the property (1932), with its two acres of ground, on which he established a chicken farm. He sold chickens and eggs to eventually supply Sainsbury's and Fortnum & Mason's. After 1935 he sailed his motor yacht *Sundowner* from Burnham-on-Crouch. Later he sailed this yacht along the European coastline photographing as he went. In 1939 his work was to assist naval intelligence. When hostilities commenced, and aged 66, he sailed on *Sundowner*, a sixty-foot yacht, to Dunkirk and rescued 130 troops. Following peace in 1945 he moved from Cockfosters to Twickenham.

Two of his sons were killed in the war and he opened a boatyard in Chiswick where he died in 1952.



Games Road 18 December 2013
(now Bolingbroke Close)

Sources

I wish to thank the staff at Enfield Local Studies and Archive, Thomas Hardy House, 39 London Road, Enfield, for their assistance in the preparation of this article. Also, Val Munday for granting permission to reproduce her two photographs at the bottom of the previous page.

The postcards were purchased at the Titanic centenary exhibition in Belfast.

Brian Warren

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If you wish to submit an item for inclusion (preferably of a 'local-history' nature), please phone the Editor, Richard Lee (01707 652975) at least one month before the publication month (i.e. August, December or April). Note: inclusion of such items is at the Editor's discretion.



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Should you pay by post, be sure to collect your receipt at the subsequent lecture meeting. If you want us to *post* the receipt to you, please enclose a SAE. **Note:** you should make your cheque payable to Potters Bar & District Historical Society, and *not* Mrs. C. Ruge-Cope.



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& POTTERS BAR MUSEUM**

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- A3 map of Wyllyotts Manor 1594

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- St John's, Cottage Hospital, Infants School, Green Man
- Colour photographs of Potters Bar

**10p
5p**

The Potters Bar and District Historical Society
administers the Potters Bar Museum.

Postal copies may be obtained from:
Mrs Mabel Hammett, 4 Heath Cottages, Heath Road, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 1LS.
Tel. 01707 657120 or e-mail roymabel@hotmail.com

Visit the **Potters Bar Museum**, in the **Wyllyotts Centre**, off The Broadway, near the Potters Bar Railway Station. Open - Tuesday and Wednesday, 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. Saturday, 11.00 - 1.00 p.m.
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14. Reminiscences of the past, 1835-1889
15. Map of the South Mimms area, 1588
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17. South Mimms memoir, 1911-1939

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