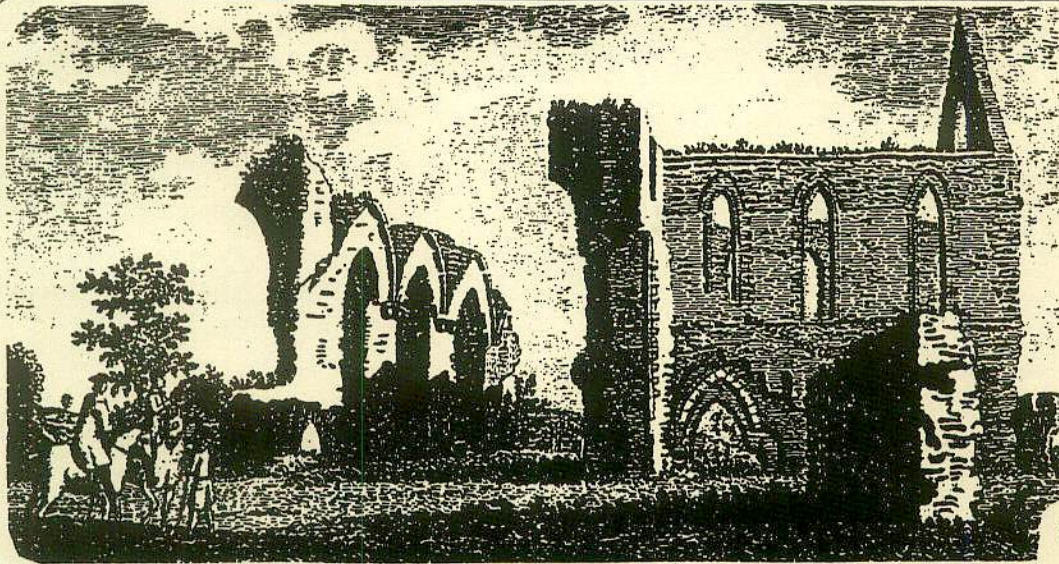


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Cover Illustration: A 1945 calendar, sent by our member, Pat Clack, whilst in the WAAF, to her parents in Send, loaned to the Society for the May 6 museum exhibition, see p15 and Forthcoming Events.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

A glance through the Newsletter will quickly show that a number of topics refer to the wartime period, and in particular the celebration this year, on May 8, the 50th anniversary of VE Day. On Saturday, May 6, the Over 60s Club are holding a VE Day celebration and the History Society will be setting up their museum with artefacts and memorabilia of the wartime period. In addition, there will be a typical room setting of the period. We will be looking for items, so contact the Editor if you have anything you would like to lend to the Society for this event.

We were very pleased to welcome at the AGM our new Treasurer, Marilyn Scrace. Marilyn takes over from Patricia Medlen and will also be organising a visit to Richmond, including the Museum of Richmond, where Marilyn works. The Society has not visited Richmond before and there is much to see, so it will satisfy those requests for a summer visit somewhat closer to home.

As was stated at the AGM, the cost of guides and speakers is increasing, as indeed is the cost of hiring the local village halls. At most events, therefore, it may be necessary to make a small charge to cover expenses.

20th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The History Society celebrated its 20th anniversary on 28 January. It was formed on 28 January 1975 as Send History Society, and on 28 February 1982 embraced Ripley (originally part of the ancient parish of Send). The Society became a registered charity in mid 1987, and on 25 September 1993 opened the doors of its own museum.

Fifty-two members and friends gathered at the Hautboy, Ockham, on 28 January 1995 and had a splendid dinner, followed by a toast to the President, Les Bowerman, and the founder members, proposed by Ken Bourne, and a toast to the Society, proposed by our President, Les Bowerman.

Ken Bourne paid tribute to our President, Les Bowerman, who conceived the idea, over 20 years ago, and gathered together like-minded people - Jim Oliver, Ron and Marjorie Sex, Jim French, Reg Giles, and many others - to form Send History Society.



Phyllis & Ken Bourne

The first inaugural meeting was held on 28 January 1975 at Heath Farm, Tannery Lane, when 28 people attended, and it was noted that 12 of those original members were still members and were attending the dinner on this occasion. These were Jean Carpenter, Irene Bleach, Mary Milner, Brian and Daphne Jackson, Bette and John Slatford, Chris and Geoff Parker, Phyllis and Ken Bourne, and Les Bowerman. All these have been, and are, members since that first day, and are therefore justly denominated the founders. Also founders, but not attending the dinner, are Sheila Brown, Janet Parker, Janet and Trevor Tice, making up a total of 16 members from the original 28.

At that meeting it was proposed that all 28 be elected on the Committee. Ken Bourne became the Chairman, of that evening and subsequently for the next 15 years, and Les Bowerman became Secretary, also for the subsequent 15 years. Imagine my concern over such a large Committee and how to accommodate them on subsequent Committee Meetings. In the event, the numbers settled down to around 15, on average about a dozen attending Committee Meetings.

Les Bowerman also became the Newsletter Editor and remained so until 1986, when Bob Gale took over. Les, throughout the 20 years the Society has been in being, has produced innumerable reports and he attends the majority of group meetings, talks and outings, and liaises with other societies and organisations. In 1992 Les was appropriately elected President (the office being vacant since 1983, when Jim Oliver resigned), and in 1994 he became Chairman, following the vacation of this post by John Slatford, who had served in this capacity since 1990.

Les brought to the Society some important and unique qualities:-

1. His interest and enthusiasm for local history.
2. His ability and skills - he was a Barrister at Law at Grays Inn, the Chief Clerk to the Licensing Justices at Westminster, and, last but not least, a local man. His skill is evident in his ability to present information accurately and in an interesting way.
3. His willingness to support other members and organisations with information to assist them with their interests, and to fight (with pen) causes that further the need for truth and accuracy.

Therefore, this successful History Society, with its publications, Newsletter, meetings, and, last but not least, a fine museum, stands as testimony to the ideals and vision of our founder, Les Bowerman, and the loyalty of the initial founders, those who followed and all those who have worked so hard for the Society over the years.

Ken Bourne

The toast by the President:

Les responded by thanking Ken for his kind words and said how gratifying it was to see so many of the founder members present.

He said it was appropriate to celebrate the anniversary in the Hautboy, the history of which, particularly in the 1880s and 1890s, when the area was a haunt of bicyclists, was closely connected with that of Ripley. A brief history of the Hautboy could be read on the sheet provided by the present management, who had made both the History Society and the Veteran-Cycle Club very welcome.

Les Reminisced a little, saying it was not a moment too soon when we started the Society in 1975. If we had hesitated, we would have lost the opportunity to hear about and record the whole way of life in Send pre-World War I.



Les Bowerman and Anne

As it was, we had as early members those two delightful characters in their late 80s, Joe Baigent and Jim French. Joe farmed Hillside Farm and had been the last herdsman of the Broadmead, which was a living relic of mediaeval agriculture. Jim was a builder at Goodgrove, with a good memory and a passionate interest in the local history. Their reminiscences are there in the early Newsletters to keep their memory alive. Who could forget the evening at St Bede's School with Ron Sex and Bill Heath, the former blacksmiths of Send and Ripley - or Marjorie Sex with her historic talks on "60 years of Sex in Send" - or that memorable evening with Ewart Grove, boatman at Worsfold Gates, in the idyllic summer of 1976? We have had the recollections of Harold Giles, of Lancaster Hall, and of former schoolteacher, Nancy Palmer. There was the unforgettable artefact evening at Ripley Village Hall when Edward Partridge, well into his 80s, demonstrated the flail to such effect that it disintegrated. All of those are sadly no longer with us.

Our mentor in those early days, indeed for nearly half of our 20 years, was Jim Oliver, our first President, who had farmed Send Court. It had surprised many, especially those who had crossed swords with him, that Jim was so profoundly and knowledgeably interested in history. With his deep roots in the soil and his photographic memory, he inspired us all. On visits to local churches - eg, Pyrford, Wisley and Ockham - and trips farther afield to Sussex and Hampshire, he was marvellous company and a brilliant and entertaining teacher. Unfortunately the time came when he decided to go his separate way.

Les said that, as he would be in France at the time of the AGM, he wished to take the opportunity to thank all who had supported the Society, and thus him as President in the past three years, and particularly the past year, when he had also been Chairman. He would not be standing for re-election as President, in order to give somebody else the honour. The Committee was proposing Ken Bourne as the Society's new President. Doubtless Ken would bring the same flair to this post as he had to his other posts (the first 15 years as Chairman, the past three as Editor, always as our photographer, and organiser of the present anniversary dinner). Ken, who had brought the Newsletter to a standard previously undreamt of for a local history society, would fortunately be continuing in that post.

HISTORY SOCIETY AGM, FEBRUARY 22 1995

The meeting was attended by 23 members, who bravely turned out on an appalling night of rain, sleet, thunder and lightning. They were welcomed by our Vice-Chairman, Tony Medlen (Les Bowerman, our Chairman, being away).

The minutes of the 1994 AGM were read and signed; there were no matters arising.

Les Bowerman had submitted a short written report, reiterating his remarks made on the 20th anniversary and recorded in this Newsletter. He paid tribute to the very successful celebration dinner at the Hautboy, when he thanked all those who had contributed to the smooth running of the Society, notably the indefatigable Parkers, George Bleach, Newsletter distributor and advertising salesman, Ken Bourne, Newsletter Editor, and John Slatford, in charge of the museum.

The Treasurer, Patricia Medlen, submitted her accounts, and thanked Peter Spindler for all his help and guidance. Peter Spindler replied, saying that really the bulk of the work was carried out by Patricia. The accounts were formerly adopted and a copy is shown on page 6.

Audrey Sykes, in her report of various activities during the year, referred to the all day visit to Old Sarum, arranged by Ken Bourne, and the conducted tour of Womersley village, also the family history day organised by John and Bette Slatford. She expressed concern that not all of the meetings were well attended, particularly the silent auction and the walk around Haslemere, and felt that the lower attendance at meetings might indicate that fewer meetings should be organised. The possibility of holding meetings every two months was suggested, but new ideas from members would be appreciated.

For some time the Committee had been considering also the bestowing of honorary membership on those who have served the Society long and well, and this would necessitate a change in the rules which was explained by Tony Medlen. In addition it was felt that the rules should also be changed to permit the election of Vice-President(s) in addition to the President, should the need arise. The change in these rules was duly proposed and carried unanimously.

There was a further proposal from Ted Goldup, who spoke on the need to increase the subscriptions to £8 double and £6 single, to take effect from 1 November 1995, which, after some discussion, was agreed and carried unanimously.

The Committee then stood down and the election of the officers for the following year was carried out.

Ken Bourne was accorded the honour of President and then presided at the meeting. Les Bowerman was re-elected as Chairman, and Tony Medlen as Vice-Chairman. The position of Treasurer having been vacated by Patricia Medlen, there was only one nomination from Ken Bourne, who proposed our member, Marilyn Scrase. This nomination was seconded by Audrey Sykes and Marilyn was duly elected as Treasurer.

The Committee was re-elected en bloc and were additional to the officers who had already been elected. These were Ken Bourne, George and Irene Bleach, Ted Goldup, Bob Gale, Alan Baker, Anne Bowerman and Patricia Medlen.

Our new President had the pleasant task of presenting Patricia Medlen and Peter Spindler with letters of thanks and appreciation for all their work for the Society during the past nine years and their meticulously presented accounts. They were invited to choose their own gifts, which will be formally presented at a future date.

Refreshments were served by Rita Goldup and Jackie Strange, and after drawing the raffle, John Slatford gave a short slide show of changes in both villages over the last 20 years. This was much enjoyed.

Audrey Sykes

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1994

	1994	1993
INCOME		
Sales of Publications (Note 1)	310	365
Members' Subscriptions	952	910
Bank Interest	30	26
Building Society Interest	95	126
Miscellaneous (Note 2)	186	257
	<u>£1,573</u>	<u>£1,684</u>

EXPENDITURE		
Museum (Note 3)	566	(561)
Newsletter (Note 4)	249	307
Society Groups (Note 5)	388	390
Library Purchases	15	76
Hire of Halls	113	126
Cost of Visiting Speakers	108	95
Exhibitions	25	14
Postages/telephone/Stationery (Net of receipts)	43	35
Insurance	100	87
Sundry Purchases	15	53
Subscriptions to S.L.H.C. and R.C.P.A.(1993)	10	20
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	11	21
	<u>£1,643</u>	<u>£ 663</u>
Transfer (from) / to Museum Reserve Account	(600)	600
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	530	421
Transferred to Accumulated Funds	<u>£1,573</u>	<u>£1,684</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1994

FIXED ASSETS		
Equipment at cost 1/1/94	487	487
Less Accumulated Depreciation	486	475
	1	12

CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock of Publications (Note 6)	2,186	2,329
Debtors and Prepayments	137	89
Bank Deposit Account	2,302	1,984
Building Society Deposit Account	2,509	2,414
Bank Current Account	330	104
Cash in Hand	17	11
	<u>£7,481</u>	<u>£6,931</u>

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Subscriptions Prepaid	316	36
1995 Dinner Tickets Prepaid	400	-
Sundry Creditors	24	95
	<u>£740</u>	<u>£131</u>
	6,741	6,800
	<u>£6,742</u>	<u>£6,812</u>

ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Balance at 1st January, 1994		
Surplus for year ended 31st December, 1994	6,212	5,791
	<u>520</u>	<u>421</u>
	6,742	6,212
	<u>£6,742</u>	<u>£6,812</u>

MUSEUM RESERVE ACCOUNT		
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Patricia Hedder
Hon. Treasurer

Please refer to Sheet 2 for Notes and Auditor's Report.

Note 1 - Sales of Publications		
Sales:		
Costs: Stock in Hand 1/1/94	2,329	2,507
Purchases in Year	112	-
Royalties payable	9	13
	<u>2,450</u>	<u>2,520</u>
Stock in Hand 31/12/94	2,186	2,329
	<u>£1,643</u>	<u>£1,684</u>

Totals - Note 1

Note 2 - Miscellaneous Income		
Surplus on:		
Raffles	87	85
Sale of Refreshments	28	20
Meetings/Social evening	(4)	60
Donations Received	75	92
	<u>£186</u>	<u>£257</u>

Totals - Note 2

Note 3 - Museum		
Costs: Building Refurbishment, Equipment and Electricity	1,043	1,150
Less: Donations Received	192	1,205
Fund raising events	285	506
	<u>477</u>	<u>1,711</u>
	<u>£ 566</u>	<u>£ (561)</u>

N.B. Ownership of the Building is vested in the Ripley Hall Management Committee, but the Society has the exclusive right to use the Building free of Rent and in perpetuity. Costs of refurbishment and equipment are "written off" in year of purchase.

Note 4 - Newsletters

Costs:		
Less: Advertising Receipts	702	577
Sundry Sales	21	12
	<u>723</u>	<u>589</u>
	<u>£249</u>	<u>£307</u>

Totals - Note 4

Note 5 - Society Groups		
Costs: Photographic Documentary	209	218
	<u>179</u>	<u>172</u>
	<u>£388</u>	<u>£390</u>

Totals - Note 5

Note 6 - Stocks of Publications

These are valued at Cost, less due allowance for slow moving items

Hon. Auditor's Report

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1994 together with Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1994, as shown on Sheet 1, together with the above notes have been prepared from the accounts books, Bank Statements, Vouchers and explanations given to me, and I hereby certify that they are in accordance therewith. Since its formation to date, the Society has been in possession of various items, most of which have been donated, on which it is not possible to put a specific value. These are held in Trust and are not included in the Balance Sheet. However a list of same is available for inspection by members.

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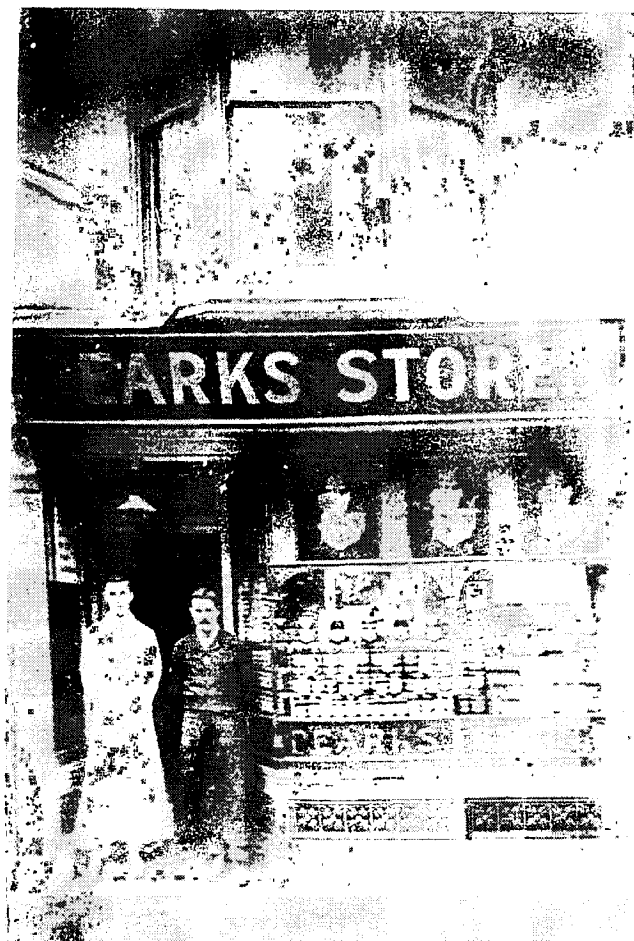
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PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS

By Pat Clack

MEMORIES PRE AND DURING THE WARTIME PERIOD

I was born in Woking, over Pearks' grocery store, which was in the Chertsey Road and is no longer there. My father was a bookmaker (Commission Agent) and had an office in Duke Street, also no longer there. Both my parents were friendly with a Mr Brown, who had a horse and cart, and used to carry passengers, parcels and animals to and fro from Send, and he one day said to my father that he thought the air in Woking was too polluted for a "little maid" like me and that we should move to Send. He said he knew of a house to rent, and so, in 1927, we moved into "Alberta", in Send Barns Lane, which we rented from a Mrs Strudwick, who lived next door at "Iren". As soon as we arrived, my father started looking around, and discovered there was a newly-built house at Mays Corner, owned by a Mr Mobsby: he was a builder and had built the house himself, but was now a bankrupt. Dad talked to him and he agreed to put up a house for us next door: Dad gave him £200 to buy materials and get started, and when that was used up he gave him a further £200 for more bricks, etc, and the day we moved in, in February 1928, he received his last £200 - £600 all told! Mr Styles was his chief bricklayer; I was at school with all his family, and one of his daughters is Phyl Cheeseman, who lives in one of the bungalows at Mays Corner.



Sex's forge, if I remember correctly, were the first people to have electric light, but we were the next, and my mum remembers the man coming to the door and asking for a shilling to put in the slot, and the light came on!

After we had been in a while, my mother realised that every Monday morning, when she was doing her wash, the water supply was very poor, and eventually realised that it was because Mrs Mobsby was doing her washing too, and it transpired that the builder had put both water supplies on one connection to save money, so that had to be put right! I have lived here ever since, apart from three and a half years away in the WAAF, as my father died just before I got married, so we moved in here with my mother and here we stayed!

I attended Send School - Mrs Marjorie Sex was one of my teachers, also a Mr Sidney Penn - a good name for a teacher, we always thought - and Mr Jimmy Rogers was the Headmaster. I left at the age of 15 in 1940 and didn't want to pursue any further education as the war was on, so I went to work at Tyler's, 4 Chertsey Road, Woking. This has now become Victoria Wine Stores and has moved to another part of the town. I was there for three years, and then joined the Services in March 1944.

We had two little girl evacuees - one of them for 18 months, until she gained a scholarship and moved to Bracknell, and her sister for three years. I remember going to the Drill Hall (now the Lancaster Hall) to collect them, and it was like a cattle market.

The poor little things had come from Thornton Heath, where they had been bombed already, and were all stood on the stage, to be eyed up and down by the villagers and pointed at - "I'll have that one", etc. Mum was only going to take one, but was sorry for these two little girls, who looked so woebegone, and indeed, their stockings and underclothes were all in tatters, and the first thing we did was to collect up some clothing coupons and go and buy them new things. I think they were happy here, and called my mum and dad "Mum" and "Dad".

One night they were just preparing for bed when we felt this huge "whoosh", not so much a bang, but obviously something very big and very near, and when Dad and I went out to investigate, two houses at the back of us, now Maysfield, had completely disappeared, in their place was a huge crater, which was then said to be caused by the largest land mine to drop in Surrey.

Later that night, we realised our front bedroom ceiling had fallen down and the lavatory pan had split, destroying all the furniture in the rooms below. Miraculously only one girl was injured, out of two very large families, but later one of the girls (now Millie Patrick, of Wharf Lane) had meningitis, which they said was the result of the bombing. They were rehoused over Dash's, the ironmongers (now a hairdresser's), on the corner of Sandy Lane, and I recall that at the time shavings and sawdust were laid in the road to deaden the sound of traffic while she was so very ill, and she has been deaf ever since.

When I enlisted, I did my "square-bashing" at Wilmslow, near Manchester, then I went to Blackpool for a wireless operators' course, finishing this at Compton Bassett in Wiltshire. My first posting was to Portreath in Cornwall, and it was a very hard winter, and was where I spent Christmas 1944, and children under eight had never seen snow before, but we had it that year and life was very hard. It had also been bad at Wilmslow in March, when we had to break the ice on the water to wash. I was in Blackpool for D-Day and there was a leave ban on - I didn't get any leave, in fact, for seven months, so my mother decided she would come and visit me. She came overnight on the train, and when I met her at 5 am, she said there had been lots of soldiers on the train, all very excited, and obviously something was about to happen, and that was D-Day.

I remember some time after that that some of us were fed up with no leave and we crept out of camp and hitched as far as Reading. I then got another hitch from there and came down to Clandon, as I knew there wouldn't be many (if any) MPs (Military Police) there, and I walked from Clandon to home at 2 am. Halfway down from Burnt Common, I heard this peculiar sound and then it stopped, and I realised it must be a "doodle-bug", (a V1), which Mum had told me about. It was very scary and I believe one dropped in the Ripley area. There was also one which fell at Burnt Common one lunchtime and killed a family of four.



*Evacuees,
Doreen and Christine Scholes*



Pat Clack

(This is the family of Privett, whose memorial is in Send Church - Ed.) Anyway, on this particular night I arrived home and threw stones up to the bedroom window, and my parents were horrified when they found I had walked all that way - I was then just 19.

Before I joined up, I was in the WJAC (Women's Junior Air Corps), the girls' section of the ATC. We met at St Bede's School, which was completed just before the war, but kept as a possible hospital and for meetings and evening classes until the war ended. I learnt morse and drill there, which helped me later in the WAAF, and we had a lot of fun too. There were many good concerts, which included Denis Chinnery from Horsell, who is now a TV actor, and the Burt twins, Timothy and Simon, who were quite famous and appeared on the BBC in the "First Flights" programme. I have newspaper cuttings from these times. My dad was in the Home Guard at this time too and it was quite a pantomime getting ready at night for our various meetings. I wasn't very good at tying a tie then, Dad was very corpulent and had great difficulty fastening his Army boots - he had to put his foot up two stairs in order to tie them - and my poor mother had to succumb to being bandaged frequently, as we were both doing first aid courses.

After a while, a lot of the younger men complained of having to go on manoeuvres with my father, as he had great difficulty getting under the barbed wire, and they had to hold it up for him and wait for him, so he was made First Aid Corporal. (What a good job we were never invaded!) I also have a photo of the Home Guard taken at that time. Dad was always on the door when they had dances at the Drill Hall, and some of the local mothers would ask him to please keep an eye on their daughters, and if he saw them going outside with the Canadian soldiers (who were based on the Broadmead), to get them back in if he thought they had been too long. (Several of the Canadians did come back after demob and married local girls.)

I remember, when I was at school and in later years, on Armistice Day, we would always march down to the Cenotaph at the Church Room and maintain two minutes' silence, and all traffic would also stop then for two minutes. While the evacuees were here, the school was in chaos. "Crocodiles" of children were to be seen walking backwards and forwards to various classes, and the Church Room and Drill Hall had to be brought in to accommodate the extras: dinnertimes were a nightmare, particularly with rationing.

We had a British Restaurant in Woking, where I would sometimes go with my uncle to get a lunch costing 6d (2 1/2p) to help out with the rations. My ration card was always useful when I came home on leave, as we had a bigger allowance. When I was stationed at Nutfield, near Redhill, I did 15 hour night duties in a caravan, and we were allowed six eggs, half a pound of bacon and a sack of potatoes. We never used them all and when we had a weekend pass at the end of our "stint", home we came with our surplus food.

I had two uncles and an aunt at Vickers when it was bombed one lunchtime and hundreds were killed. We were told on the radio, at first, that there were no casualties, then only light, but in fact I think it was about 800 killed, and my uncle did first aid duty there and told us of the horrific scenes.

From the Parish Magazine of September 1951, there is an entry that Eric Lawrence Clack married Patricia Lilian Gibbons at Send Church on August 11.

By an incredible coincidence, the postcard of Pearks Stores (which was purchased by the Editor from a postcard fair, some years ago, simply because his mother used to shop there during the war), was originally sent to Pat Clack's father, Mr Harold Gibbons, from Canterbury in October 1905.- Ed.

BOUGHTON HALL ESTATE

By Ken French

With the sale of Boughton Hall Cottages, Send Marsh Road, we are reminded that these were once part of the original Boughton Hall Estate, which was one of the biggest in Send, and has a very long recorded history. Ken French, who lived in Goodgrove, which was also one of the estate's buildings (as did his parents and grandparents before him), has written a series of articles drawing upon their memories, as well as on written evidence. - Jane Bartlett.

It was in the year 1518, after the death of William Grigg, the previous owner, that Robert Boughton is stated to own freely the tenements and appurtenances "Brydfeldyes", worth 9s (Birdfields), the tenement Griggus (Griggs) and land at Foroecroft (Furzeycroft) and Stancroft (Stonecroft), 3s 6d. These lands were soon added to, to include several acres on Broadmead, buildings and land at Ruydons garden and crofts at Burchett, and many acres at Papworth Meade and Papworth Fields.

He was an important enough person to be an assessor at the Papworth Court. The estate grew further under his descendants, particularly in 1773, when the then Robert Boughton bought the land of the late Sir John Barnard, until his land stretched from behind the Seven Stars, Ripley on the East, down across Kemming Marsh to Wharf Lane, Send, to Mays Corner on the West, and up to the Portsmouth Road on the South, the central part always lying between Send Marsh and Send Barns, with the main house, Griggs (later Boughton Hall), the Home Farm (later Aldertons), along with Goodgrove, the Keep House, and several estate cottages (see also the account by Les Bowerman in Newsletter No 4 - there are bound copies in the museum).

The original house was almost certainly a timber-framed house, perhaps similar in size and age to the original Aldertons and Goodgrove. It was built for yeoman farmers on the higher ground adjoining Kemming Marsh. Often in this period, three houses were built in close proximity for security. Both Goodgrove and Boughton Hall were later enlarged, the latter most likely for the leaseholder, Abraham Paulton.

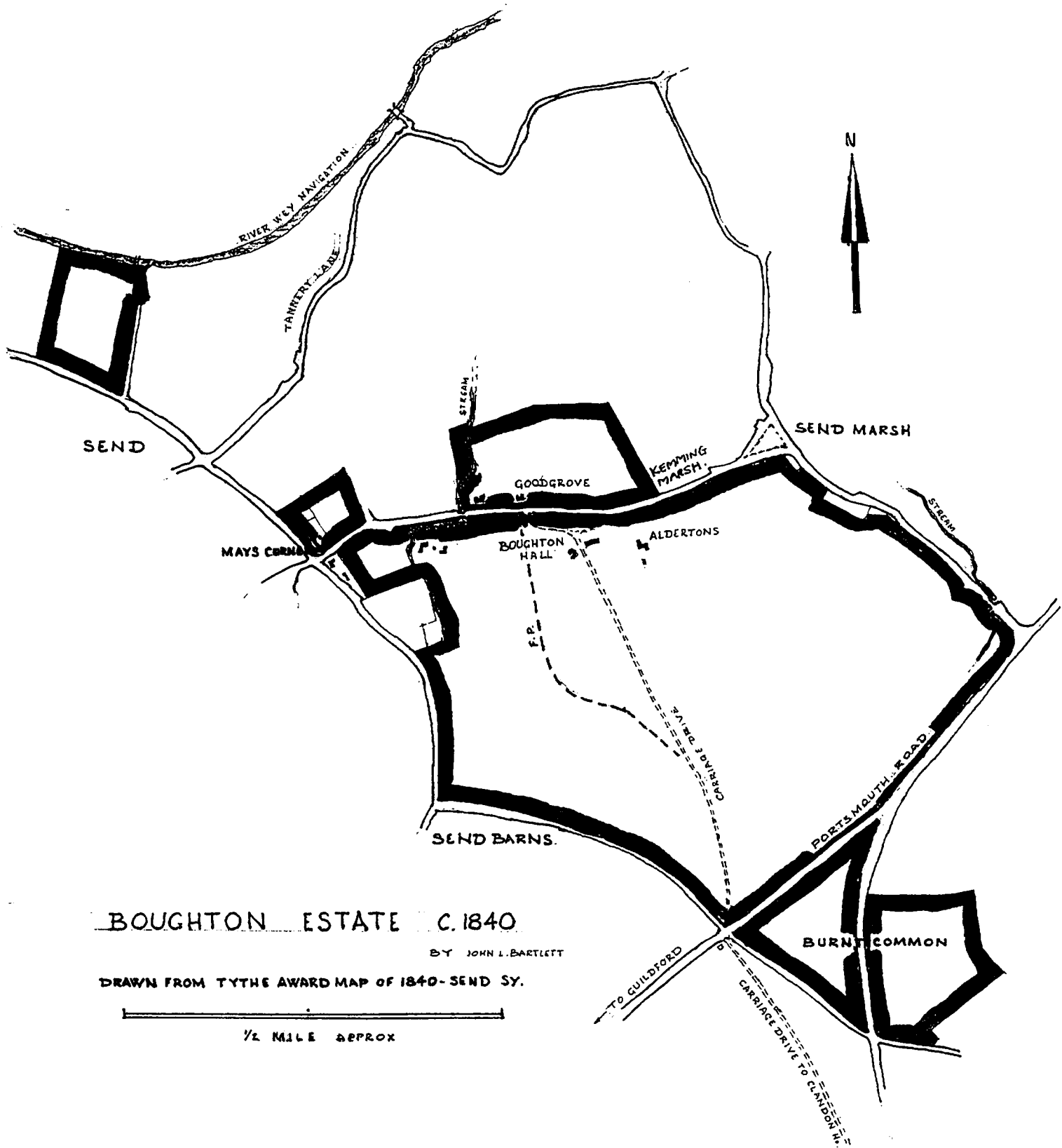
Why did Abraham Paulton choose this estate? Robert Boughton had died in 1843, his



Boughton Hall 1984

widow, Fanny, even if she did not retire to Goodgrove, as the censuses of 1851 and 1861 might suggest, died in 1863, so the house was vacant.

After the coming of the railway to Woking in 1838, many professional people found it convenient to bring up their families in the country. Already the Hon Francis Scott, MP, had been at Sendhurst Grange since the 1850s. Martha Paulton's sister, Mrs Hargreaves, was at Sendholme, joined by her nephew, Joseph Leese. Abraham Paulton, a newspaper publisher from Lancashire, came with his wife, Martha, and their two children and set about forming a gentleman's residence, taking out a lease in 1870 (see Onslow Papers).



There was nothing unusual about leasing a property rather than buying a freehold. The Lancasters leased Sendholme from Mrs Hargreaves, then from Lady Leese. Eric Vansittart Bowater leased Dene Place from Goodhart Rendell, but what is surprising is the free hand they were given and the amount they must have spent on altering the property to suit their requirements.

The situation of the house had advantages. There was access to the Portsmouth Road by their carriage drive, which started opposite Lord Onslow's lodge and drive at Burnt Common. The existing cottage at the corner of Send Barns Lane became that lodge. (This was a route Robert Boughton must have frequently used as bailiff and attorney to the Earl of Onslow from 1803-17. The Paultons could not have foreseen their son in later years becoming secretary to Lord Onslow when he was Governor General of New Zealand.)

The house, when altered, would have had back entrances, convenient for Woking station, and close to a minor road, so that the coming and going of servants and tradesmen would not be observed from the principal rooms. (The Paultons were Liberals, but their guests may not have been. Martha always said to the local children, when she entertained them in the dining room at Christmas, "Be polite but never subservient.")

The site also gave them a plentiful supply of spring water from the top part of the plot (No 1060, Tithe Map). This was piped to a collecting brick-lined culvert and would supply the fountain and the house (see History Society Newsletter No 5).

The Boughtons had owned cottages all over Send, so that a supply of workers and their accommodation would pose no problem. The house, when finished, would have staff quarters, but outside workers were needed to lay out the grounds. Initially the footmen and grooms lived at Box and Holly Cottages and Mays Cottage. These probably built by the Boughtons and served almost as lodges to Send Marsh Road, which was little more than a track.

This article will be continued in the next Newsletter. - Ed.



*Box and Holly Cottages
at Mays Corner, demolished 1978*



*Boughton Hall Cottages
sold March 1995*



Goodgrove and the French family c 1910

ELECTION OF TREASURER

The Society is very pleased to announce that Marilyn Scrace has agreed to act as Treasurer, and was elected at the AGM on Wednesday, 22 February 1995. Marilyn joined the Society in May last year and lives with her husband and two children in Send Marsh. Marilyn has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History of Arts and Education, has worked at the Science Museum, was for 15 years at the V&A, and joined the newly-formed Museum of Richmond four and a half years ago as Education officer, with particular responsibility for fund-raising for the Museum. Her duties include maintaining accounts and arranging for annual audits.

We are delighted that Marilyn has agreed to undertake this important office for the Society and wish her every success.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following is a letter from Pat Clack with reference to Jane Bartlett's article in the last Newsletter (No 120). - Ed.

With reference to Jane Bartlett's account on butchers in Ripley, the "Turner" that Fred Milton referred to was very well known to me.

Fred Turner and his son, Bill, lived at 115 Send Road (two doors from me), now occupied by Mr and Mrs Dyer. The house was then called "Rupel", Fred's wife was Bessie, and they had an old gran, who lived with them, and their lodger was Nurse Moore, the District Nurse, who afterwards moved next door to the Drill Hall (Lancaster Hall), into a house given her by the Lancaster family.

Fred and Bill worked for years for Mr Rust, and Fred and Arthur Milton both delivered to my mother. Unfortunately, after a number of years, Fred fell out with Mr Rust and transferred (with Bill) to Grindall's butcher's shop in Kingfield. The butcher's shop is no longer there. Grindall got into financial difficulties, and Fred with him, as he had gone into partnership with him. One morning Fred went into work early, making some excuse to Bill, and when Bill followed later, he discovered that Fred had hung himself in the shop.

We were friendly with the family, and Bill had his birthday the same day as mine, February 6, and although he was much older than I, one day, as a joke, my mother sent his name up to the Children's BBC to be read out with mine, and he was very embarrassed.

Bill's widow, Marjorie, still lives in Cobham and she and I exchange Christmas cards.

Pat Clack

BRIDGES

By Lyn Mileham

With reference to this subject in Newsletter 120, page 6, I had already established that the "Abbey Stream Bridges" at Pyrford were designed (not built) by L G Mouchel & Partners in 1914, together with Broadmead Bridge at about the same time.

As the new concrete deck at Cartbridge was also constructed in 1914, I think it is likely that this was also a Mouchel job, but so far as this one is concerned, I have been unable to find any definite reference to it in the Mouchel archives.

VE DAY, MAY 8 1945

This year being the 50th anniversary of VE Day, the whole country is celebrating the occasion in many ways. Victory over Europe, at the time, meant the ceasing of hostilities throughout Europe, although sporadic fighting and movement of troops still went on, particularly on the Russian Front, for a few weeks afterwards. The World War did not end until VJ Day (Victory over Japan), when Japan surrendered unconditionally on 14 August 1945.

During the year, the History Society will be featuring related articles, and will set up an exhibition of wartime items and memorabilia in the museum. In addition, it will create a period sitting-room, in which will be a display of some utility furniture and various articles and furnishings of the time. The museum cannot house all of these items, so the room setting will be in the store room adjoining Ripley Village Hall, by kind permission of Mrs Doody. This period room setting will be on display to coincide with the Over 60s Club VE celebrations on Saturday afternoon, 6 May, and will also be available for view on Monday, 8 May, and Saturday, 13 May.

To assist in setting up this exhibit, we appeal to members to have any items appropriate to the wartime period, and not later than 1945, to contact the Editor, Ken Bourne, or Jane Bartlett, Chairman of the Local Memories Group, on Ripley 224171. Please let us know whether you wish to give or loan items to the museum for this purpose, and they will be retained or returned as requested. Subject to space available, it is hoped that a small representative collection of items will also be on display in the museum, at least until the end of August.

PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

A number of photographs of the participants at the 20th anniversary dinner were taken by Norman Carpenter and Ken Bourne, and will be on display at our next meeting on 4 April, at Ripley Village Hall annex (See "Forthcoming Events"). If you wish to have a copy of any particular photograph, please let Ken Bourne know at this meeting.

It is intended that these photographs will be deposited in our archive as a record of what our members looked like in 1995.

Ken Bourne

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Ann & Bill Barker, of Milestone Close, Ripley.
 Patrick Shand and Christina Hallgren, of Papercourt Lane, Ripley.
 Peter & Diane Skinner, of Potters Lane, Send.
 Betty Boucher, of Grove Heath Road, Ripley.
 Joan Dibble, of White Hart Court, Ripley.

We are sorry that Mr and Mrs Creton have had to terminate their membership on leaving the area, but their kind recommendation to the new occupants of their house resulted in the new members, Ann and Bill Barker, as above.

There are still a number of membership subscriptions due. Subscriptions are still £4 single, or £6 double, and please add £2 if you need postal delivery. Please send your subscriptions, without delay, to Marilyn Scrace, whose address is on the front of the Newsletter. Cheques should be made payable to Send & Ripley History Society.

Bill Sykes

DOCUMENTARY GROUP

By John Slatford

The work of the Group continues. We have just received a master index of Send and Ripley marriages, completed by Eric Ferris and Janet Tice. This covers all events from 1654 until 1960 in the case of Send, and 1962 for Ripley. Many thanks, Eric and Janet, for your efforts, which I know have taken many many hours.

Bette and I are currently transcribing all of the papers relating to Send and Ripley in the Lovelace Collections at Guildford Muniment Room.

It is our aim that the Society should record and transcribe every known archive relating to our area, so that we may have at our fingertips all possible material for future research. This is a daunting task, but much has already been achieved. I mention this because we would like to hear again from members who have helped before, and from those who have not, but would be interested in helping with recording and, maybe, in carrying out some research to extend that which is already going on. By research, I mean developing histories of particular houses, or other aspects of our area. Although much has been done, there are many sources of archive remaining which, hopefully, will reveal even more material for research. Is there anyone out there willing to have a go?

We haven't had a Group Meeting for some time. If members interested in participating would contact either Bette or myself (phone number, 222107), we will arrange something.

The following newspaper cutting was provided by Send resident, Iris Knott. It was cut out from a newspaper (date unknown) by her husband. Does anyone know the source of this short piece of prose? - Ed.

THE SURREY MEN

"Whenever England calls for men,
And call she will again, again,
They hear her first among these hills
And ere the urgent echo stills,
A thousand feet go running by,
And proud they go and proud they die!

"The Surrey woods are loud with drums
And through the trees the column comes
Of sturdy men who wear the Lamb,
From Shere and Send and Mickleham!
The Surrey men go marching by,
And proud they go and proud they die!

"Whenever England calls them home,
And call she will, 'Come home! Come home!'
Some will not hear, some Surrey men
They will not rise and laugh and then
Go shouting down the valleyside
But proud they went and proud they died!"

Derek Lunn

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 4 April - Ripley Village Hall Annex, 8 pm

Lyn Mileham is to give an illustrated talk on his experiences as one of the troops in a wartime convoy in 1941 that went from Liverpool to Port Tewfik, at the Southern end of the Suez Canal, via the Atlantic and the Cape of Good Hope. After disembarking in Egypt, he was subsequently captured and spent the rest of the war as a Prisoner of War, first with the Italians and then in Czechoslovakia. His experiences as a POW and the ingenious way in which they overcame difficulties make enthralling listening.

Thursday, 27 April - Ripley Village Hall Annex

A talk by Jean Parrott, entitled "1939 to 1945 - Memoirs on the Home Front, or Chad Rules OK?". Jean is a very entertaining speaker, and we are sure of an informative and pleasant evening.

Saturday, 6 May - 10 am to 5 pm, Ripley Village Hall and Museum

Exhibition of wartime memorabilia in the museum, and in the small room adjoining the village hall, to the right of the stage, will be a typical sitting-room setting of the period 1939-45.

Saturday, 6 May - 2 pm to 5 pm, Ripley Village Hall

The Ripley over 60s Club will celebrate VE Day with a party and entertainment.

Sunday, 7 May - 2 pm - meet outside the museum

John Slatford will conduct a tour of Ripley village, pointing out the architectural and other interesting features of the village and, where possible, those buildings or places that were directly affected one way or another by the war.

Monday, 8 May - 10 am to 5 pm, Museum and Ripley Village Hall

Exhibition continues (see May 6).

Monday, 8 May

Send Scouts fete.

Saturday, 13 May - 10 am to 5 pm, Museum and Ripley Village Hall

Exhibition continues.

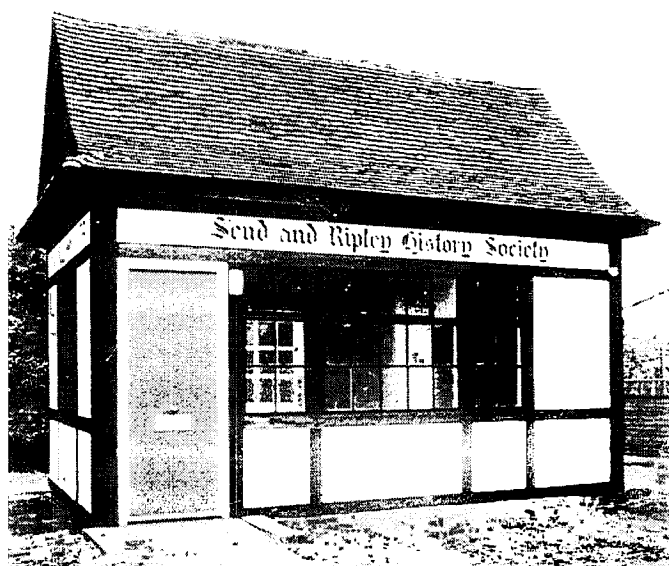
The village hall exhibition closes on this day, but the museum will continue to exhibit on the subsequent Saturday mornings as usual.

Sunday, 25 June, 2 pm - meet at the Museum of Richmond, Richmond, Surrey

Visit the Tudor Palace (remains), built by Henry VII in the 14th century. Walk around Richmond to see Tudor, Georgian and Victorian architecture. The tour, which will be led by an experienced guide, starts and finishes at the Museum, and on conclusion tea will be served. There will be a charge of £4.50 to cover the cost of the guide and tea. Anyone wishing to take part - booking required in advance, please - also anyone requiring a lift, contact Ken bourne. We will meet at 1 pm at Ripley museum to leave for Richmond.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

The closing date for material for the next edition of the Newsletter is Friday, 5 May.



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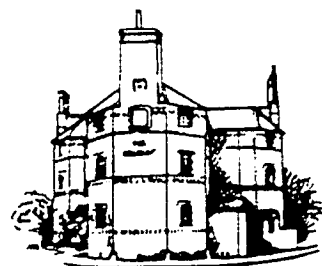
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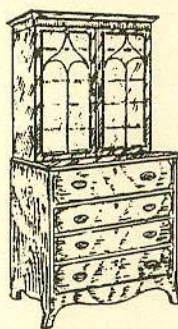
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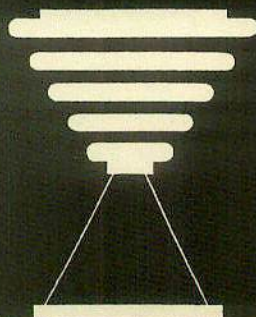
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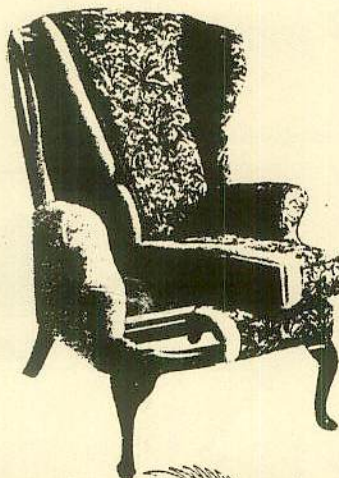
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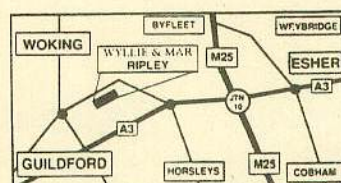
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