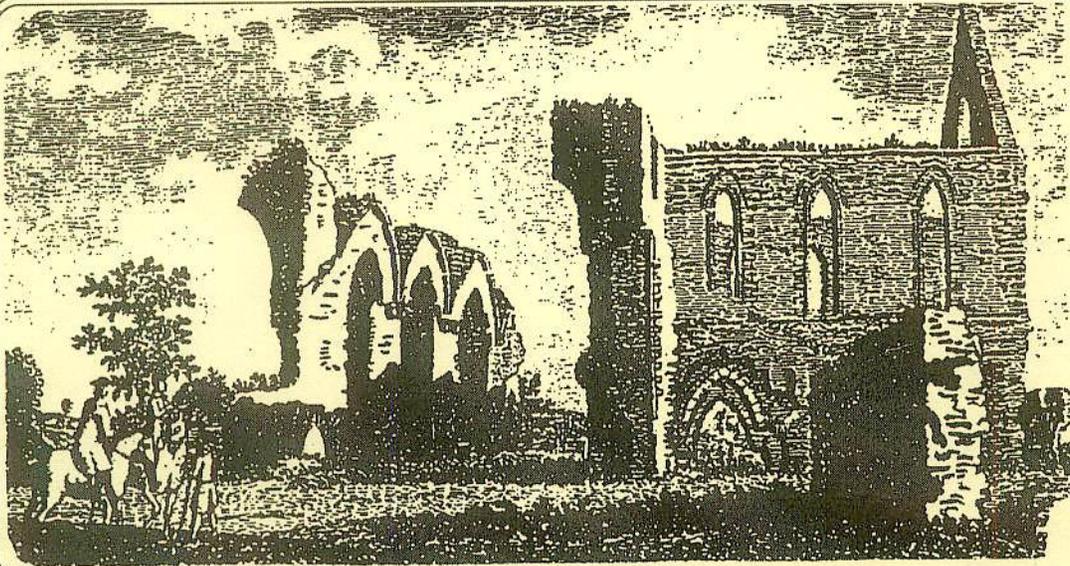


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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

A big thank-you to those contributors who have sent their articles as typescript and/or as e-mail attachments. The new (to me) system is working. For those of you who wish to use the system for any comments, letters, or articles who have not yet tried it and wish to have a go(!) here is a reminder of the procedure:-

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All the above represents just one method of data transmission. Please do not neglect ordinary manuscript copy and the postal system should this be more convenient. The editor's address can be found on page one of the Journal.

As this is the first issue of the Journal for 2002 we wish all our readers and contributors A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

MUSEUM ROTA

The response to my plea for a volunteer to take over the museum stewards' rota has been very positive. John and Mary Cambell of Send have kindly agreed to arrange the rota and they will be contacting the rota team in due course. Subsequently Mrs Finden-Browne also offered to fill the vacancy and although now filled we appreciate the offer and will keep you in mind.

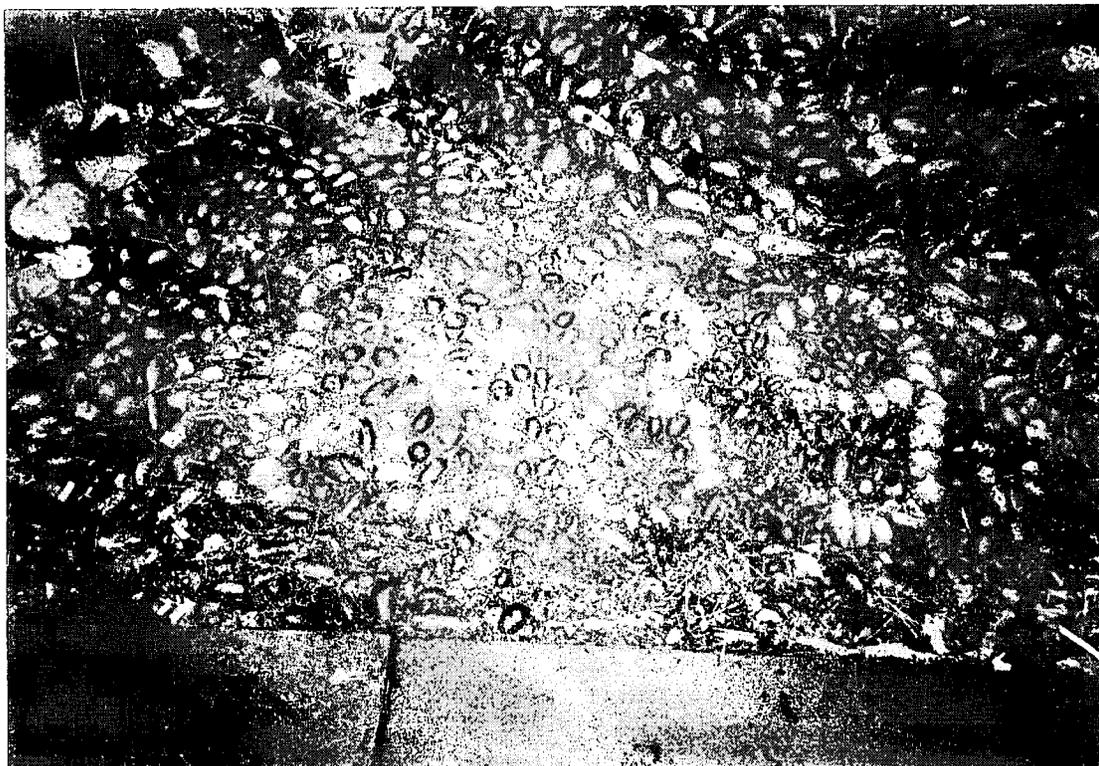
Irene Bleach

ST MARY MAGDALEN, RIPLEY - PATHWAY

The photograph overleaf taken by John Slatford shows the date that was set into the cobblestones of the church path where it joined the main footpath by the north gate. Due to these cobbles becoming slippery in winter and the danger this represented to users of the path the decision was made to replace the cobbles with paving slabs.

The cobbled path laid no doubt by a local Victorian handyman during the incumbency of the Reverend Henry Hooper had served parishioners well for 112 years and it was sad to see it removed. It was hoped that this date and a small section of the path could have been saved to be used elsewhere or placed on display at the museum. Unfortunately due to the manner in which the cobbles were set into cement this part and four other patterns broke up when being removed.

Ken Bourne



'HAPPY AND GLORIOUS LONG TO REIGN OVER US'
1952-2002

As you may know the Queen is due to celebrate her Golden Jubilee next year and we are all going to have an extra Bank Holiday in early June to mark the occasion. Although the Coronation was not held until 1953, I thought it might be a good opportunity to have an exhibition at the museum next may/June about the Coronation and the Queen.

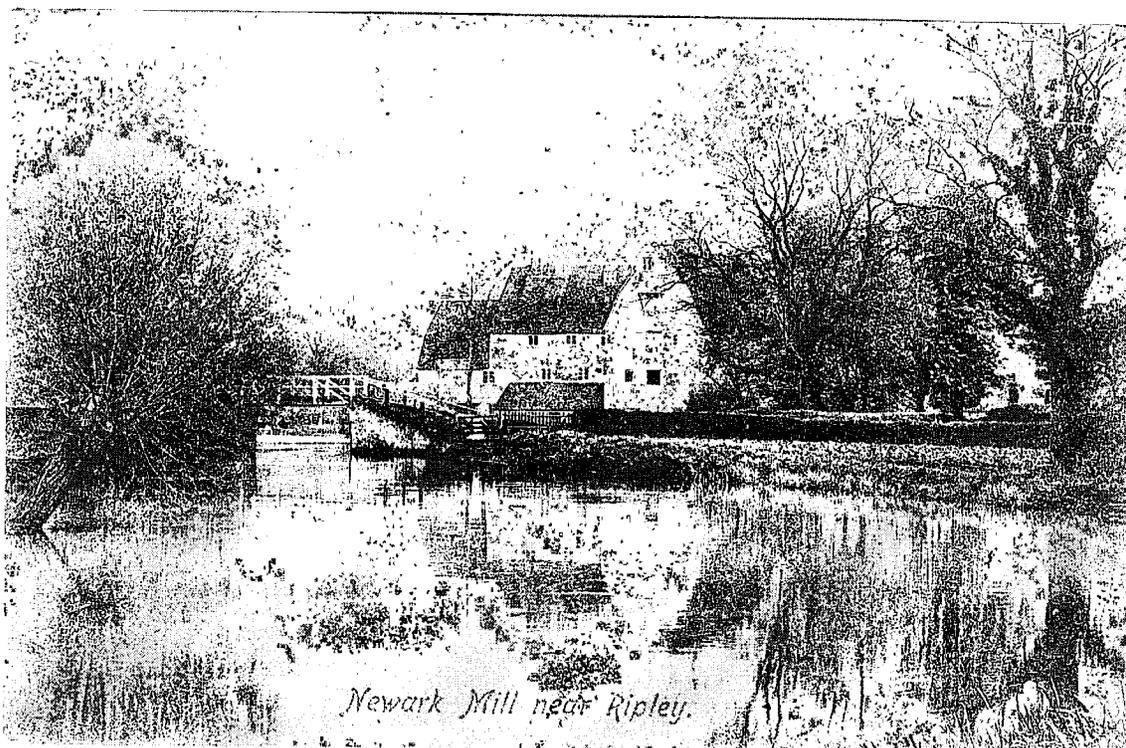
I would be grateful if you could all write a paragraph about your memories of the Coronation, local celebrations or perhaps an occasion when you met the Queen. I realise that many of you may not have been in Send or Ripley at the time but we would still like your memories. If you have any local friends or neighbours with interesting local memories who are not History Society members, we would still like their contributions.

You may also have photographs or memorabilia, which you might be prepared to lend to the exhibition. If so, can you let me know but do not bring anything to the museum yet. Any other ideas for the exhibition or any offers of help would also be gratefully received. We are always keen to involve more members in activities.

Many thanks, please send written memories to me, Clare McCann, Cricketshill House, Potters Lane, Send, GU23 7JH telephone 01483-728546 or leave them for my attention at the museum.

Clare McCann

We have been told in the Society's publication *Newark Mill*, Bob Gale SRHS 1991, a great deal about the history of Newark Mill and we can see what it looked like from the excellent model Reg King has just made. Here is a little more about the daily life of the Mill in the late 18th and early 19th Centuries. Papers belonging to the Sharp family, owners of both Eashing and Newark Mill, have been deposited with the Woking History Centre, including six valuations from the period 1795 to 1804 (ref. 640/1/1-5). I use the term valuation since this is the heading of these handwritten notes, but they contain a mixture of assets, debts and wages with some figures attached. So though it begins to fill in the picture of the Mill, it raises as many questions as it answers.



Postcard C.1920 from Editor's Collection

In 1796 the brothers John and James Sharp, presumably about to buy the Mill, queried the ownership of and responsibility for the pennings. (These were the retaining banks or structures to hold in the water.) Their lawyers found out that since 1660 it had been agreed that the pennis and banks of the river Wey must be kept navigable giving liberty of ingress and egress to boats and therefore recompense was made by the Wey Navigation to persons whose grounds and soils could be damaged. There had been some difficulty in tracing some of the earlier owners of the pennings because after the death of Richard Onslow it was uncertain which bits passed to R W Onslow and which to George Onslow who collected the tythes as owners of fee simple of Send Church. However the lawyers had seen the rules of order of the owners of the River Wey Navigation, Charles Earl and Bennet Langston, in 1764. This was that 3/- for each boat and 2d per ton load should be paid. This toll is being paid to John Mildred who is now and has been for some time the tenant of Newark Mill and the payment would continue for the new owner. Indeed the Sharp's accounts of 1799 record £80 from the pennings.

The initial valuation in 1795 totalled £5734, with £674 debts. The list starts with items which are obvious enough for a mill: stock in mill £77, millstones £50, wheat and straw £70, barley £140 but then come beans and turnips. At first I wondered what role these played in the mill, then I realised that there were about 24 acres belonging to the Mill and this would have been farmed. The list goes on with: 31 ewes, 20 wether, 2 cows, 5 horses, 2 mares, 4 waggons, 3 carts and harness

The horses and carts may well have been used for their own harvesting and haymaking but they would also have been used to transport the flour and other processed cereals at the Mill. Mrs Elsie Best who at one time worked in the Mill, told me that during the last miller Mr Jarman's time, the only land retained was one pasture at the back of the Mill for hay, but they still delivered flour and animal feed in their own carts. During the Second World War they kept a few pigs for their own use but no other livestock. I had been told that the barge horses were sometimes put up overnight in some of the Mill's six stables (they could hardly be left on the towpath where the boats tied up) and this practice continued in Mr Jarman's time.

In this first valuation, there was a house belonging to the Mill. It and "household goods" were valued at £300 but no further details are given. More intriguing is the "smith's place of tenement" valued at £500. Did the Mill then have a resident smith and smithy to repair the metal work of the Mill and perhaps shoe the barge horses during their overnight stop?

There was no consistency in the list of assets in the following years so I looked for interesting variations. It was only in 1797 that they kept hogs. In 1801 they grew 2 acres of turnips and 3 acres of rye. In 1802 there was money owing to the following people: Evershed, Buller, Rustall, Worsfold and Wm Grove.

I had hoped I had found out to whom they owed wages and so discovered the number of workers at the Mill, but perhaps they had other debts, such as for the 300 sacks, or for repairs. There has been no mention of a smithy since 1795.

It was surprising there was no mention of a boat until 1802 as they must have needed one to inspect the structure at the water line but now they have acquired a barge and tackle. Furthermore it was in this year they spent the huge amount of £5,000 on repairs. Just as well the valuation of 1800 was up to £9645-0-6d.

In 1822 John Sharp drew up an agreement with Richard Eager of Stoke to lease Newark Mill for ten years from 1st December at a yearly rate of £330. Richard Eager was to keep it in repair and paint the Mill. There was to be a yearly valuation and inventory by two "indifferent" persons.

Perhaps these later inventories might be more consistent, or answer some of the many questions still left.

Jane Bartlett

BROADMEAD UPDATE

We learnt from our Journal (no. 161) about the quiet expanse of the Broadmead which separates Send from Old Woking and which until the Second World War was a survival of the mediaeval system of strip farming.

84 hectares of this wet grassland site was to be auctioned at the end of September 2002. The Surrey Wildlife Trust made an appeal for donations to raise the £150,000 to buy the site for a nature reserve. This flood plain next to the River Wey is a home to wading birds such as lapwing, redshank and snipe and the Trust had hoped to encourage water voles and otters whose habitat had been so diminished by development.

They had managed to raise the money, but sadly the site was bought by a development company, Property Spy, the day before the auction was to take place. The company intends to sell off individual plots for building. Although one would have imagined there would be difficulty in obtaining planning permission to build on a flood plain (particularly after the disastrous flooding of last winter) but it has been allowed in many places. Even if planning permission is not given for some years the large meadow will have been split into various portions with different owners and it would be extremely difficult to get it back into one nature reserve. What a loss for wild life, Surrey and Send in particular.

Jane Bartlett

GYPSIES

I was delighted when I saw the picture of the 'Tent Dwellers' of Walsham Lock at the Woking History Centre, taken by Mr H Maclean of the Sutton Photographic Club in 1908 and kindly copied for us by Ken Bourne. I had been told of the gypsies who came regularly to work on the farms in the early years of the last century and who lived under 'the benders'; that is they made tents by draping covering over bent hazel bushes.

Mrs Challen told me there was great excitement at fruit picking time when the gypsies came through Send and turned up Tannery Lane. The noise brought them all out to watch, the children shouted 'the gypsies are coming'. There were about 6-8 caravans brightly painted with extra horses tied on behind and their dogs running around barking. The village dogs joined in the noise. The gypsy children attended Send school.

Nan Hoare remembers them under the benders at Prews Farm. 'Nice families' she said of the Staceys, Hearn, Bowers and Gregorys. In the school holidays Nan used to do strawberry picking alongside them and became sufficiently friendly for them to say 'would you like a bit of dinner dear?' It turned out to be hedgehog baked in clay, (the casing pulled out the prickles). The taste was 'rather like chicken' she said. In 1912 the strawberry picking took place at Heath Farm, Dunsborough and Highlands Farm amongst others. The 'skips' were little baskets with a long handle over the top and 2d was paid for a full basket.

Ivy Sopp remembered the gypsies picking peas. Her family's term was the 'Pea Lady' for the one who came to the door to swap a basket of peas for old clothes. They also sold clothes pegs made of hazel wood fastened at the top with a twist of metal cut from an old tin. She remembers a Mrs Deacon. This group lived down Kiln Lane under the benders and, as children, they were not allowed to go up the lane in the summer. There was another encampment on the far side of the tumbling bay at Walsham Gates near the lane leading to Warren Farm. Ivy who was born in 1903, might well have seen the lady and her camp. (Photographed and shown on the front page of Journal number 161 and its companion taken at the same time and shown on the next page.) Ivy did not like the gypsy's lurcher dogs who used to nip passers-by.



'Tent' Dwellers companion photo to that shown in previous Journal also taken by Healas McLean in 1908

Not all people were comfortable with the dog's owners either. In the thirties Ken French and his sister were only allowed to watch the colourful caravans pass the gate of Goodgrove in Send Marsh, (on their way to the strawberry fields of Mr Boorman's at Heath Farm) if they held their grandmother's hands. She warned them that gypsies used to steal children. He remembers their camps were usually near water which they needed for cooking and washing their clothes.

The authorities too were becoming more concerned with this way of life. In March 1916, in the interests of public health the Guildford Rural District council attempted to strengthen the regulations relating to gypsy encampments demanding provision of paving and drainage and a total prohibition of 'benders' as a place of human habitation. Later that year the Sanitary Inspector visited the camps at Highlands and Prews Farms where the owner promised to remedy the defects. A medical officer also inspected tents, vans and shed dwellings and agreed that the bylaws should be more stringent but that now was not the moment -presumably because of the war.

There began to be complaints about gypsies reported in our Parish Council minutes. In 1926 it was recorded that some gypsies were causing a nuisance at Homewood Farm and Polesden Lane. Mr Lacy in 1927 criticised the unsanitary dwellings in caravans and tents at both Homewood and Papercourt Farms and the encampment at Posen Lane gravel pit (e.g. Polesden Lane).

It seems that with the increased use of machinery by farmers, there was less need for such intensive labour and they were no longer welcome arrivals on farms. There was even a notice in the porch of the Seven Stars "Gypsies not Admitted".

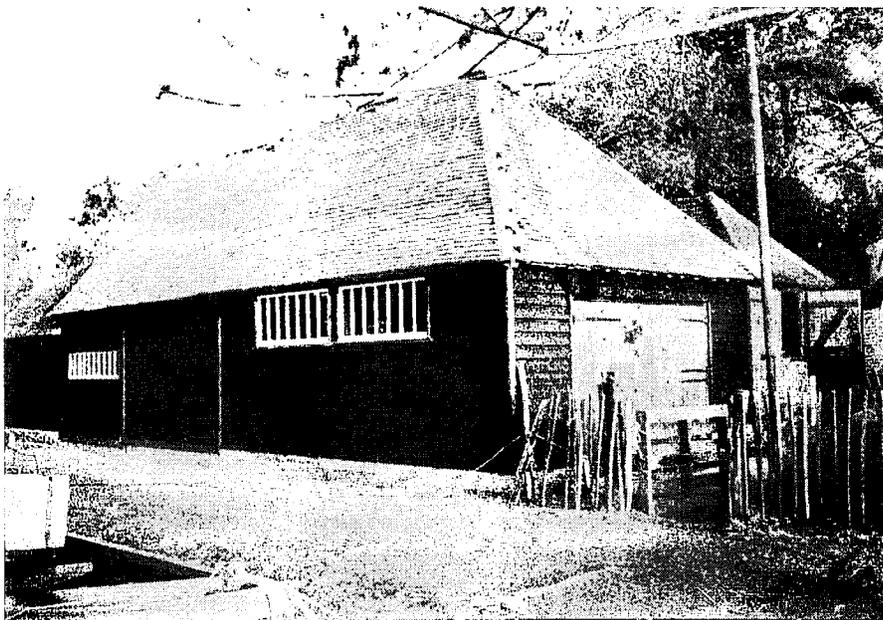
Nowadays we have a new name and perhaps a different group of people – 'Travellers'. A few years ago some of these uninvited visitors were escorted off Ripley Green by the Police. The caravans were not gaily painted, or horse drawn but there were dogs.

Jane Bartlett

WORSFOLD GATES

Few people realise that Worsfold Gates on the River Wey Navigation upstream from Cartbridge is not a lock. The gates there are in fact flood-gates to control the quantity of water entering from a river section of the Navigation into the next canal section. The river was kept higher by about a foot for some 110 years to ease the expense of dredging. During the 1920s and 1930s the meanders were straightened.

"The Sultan", reputed to be the last barge to pass right through the Wey & Arun canal, which was in use only from 1816 until 1871, carried groceries. The carpenter's shop that maintained it was built in the traditional manner with long wooden mullions closely spaced from eaves to sill. It was built at the same time as the Navigation canal, which was constructed in 1653 by nearby landowner, Sir Richard Weston.



*Carpenters shop and smithy after restoration by The National Trust in the 1990s
Photo late Reg Giles*

The smithy, with its double blast bellows, handle topped with a cow-horn, still stands as does the saw-pit shed, but the smell of heating tar has long disappeared and tree trunks, perhaps Scots pine, no longer burn in the fire.

The ground the whole is built upon is named Millditch and John Worsfold was the first tenant in 1680. He died in 1693, succeeded by his son until 1701. There is a record in No. 55 of the

Wey Navigation Claims of 1671 that John Worsfold of Send claims £60 for work done in repairing the banks of the river.

It is possible that Millditch is the site of the missing second mill mentioned in the Domesday Survey, which belonged to Walter and Herbert and was worth two shillings in 1086.

During the First World War a 60 ton broad-beamed barge, used on the canal, pulled by two working horses in tandem, travelled from Guildford to Godalming with food, coal, timber or gunpowder.

The last master carpenter at Worsfold Gates was Norman Grove from 1930 to 1966. The Wey was one of the first British rivers to be made navigable and opened up to barge traffic. The Navigation is now National Trust property. Not far from Worsfold Gates stands Pembroke House, the core of which was built during the second half of the 18th century. It was once known as Worsfold Farm.

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Janet Hilderley

ALEX WOOD – EARLY DAYS IN SEND

I was born in Birmingham at 23 Ash Road, Saltley on 1st December 1921 to George Sydney and Edith Elsie Wood who had been married in October 1920. My father was in the printing trade, I think as an apprentice, and at the end of 1923 he applied for and obtained a job as a monotype operator with Unwin Brothers Ltd., at Old Woking.

The family moved to Send in the spring of 1924 and took two rooms with George Strudwick and his wife who lived opposite to what is now Send Close Parade and was then allotments, separated from the Recreation Ground by a small stream. We stayed there until Unwins built Gresham Gardens as housing for their employees in about 1927, when my father obtained the tenancy of No. 12.



*View of Send Road – before Send Close was built
Postcard from Editor's collection*

During my early years in Send I remember that at first there were no motor buses to either Woking or Guildford, and the local carrier, Mr Brown, who lived next door but one to No. 14 Gresham Gardens, operated a horse bus to Woking and also visited the railway station daily to collect any parcels for Send residents and to deliver them. A motor bus service was started in about 1925 or 1926 from Woking to Ripley via Send by Foxes, and was about hourly, operated by one bus. A second service was introduced to Guildford via Send Marsh and Burpham by the same company. Very soon there was competition from a Guildford company, Blue Saloon, which started a service between Guildford and Woking via Burpham and Send, going by Potters Lane to and from Guildford, and covering Send by doubling between the New Inn and Mays Corner in both directions.

Fresh farm milk was delivered throughout the village daily by George Baigent (of Hillside Farm) with his horse-drawn milk cart and served from large churns with one pint and half pint ladles. Bread was delivered from Woking by the Co-op, and newspapers from Old Woking until Gardners (now Patels) opened their shop in Send Road.

The District Nurse was Nurse Mellis who lived next to Mr Brown with Wharf Lane laundry the other side.

When we moved to Gresham Gardens there was a hand-worked sand quarry at the rear which made an ideal playground for the local children and was also a breeding place for many varieties of bird as well as a short cut to the High Bridge where we went swimming.

From the age of 4 years 9 months I went to school at Ryde House School in Ripley, travelling there and back by Fox's bus. The owner and headmaster was Mr Goodman, whose son George was Clerk to Send & Ripley Parish Council until Send had its own Council (1933), when he continued as Clerk to Ripley. My early life was unremarkable, but I remember receiving my first Meccano set and my father teaching me the rudiments of engineering, which served me well in later life. With additional "a" sets I built up a large Meccano collection and was able to make many varied models. I still believe that there is no better instructive toy for a boy.



*Flooding opposite Unwins Old Woking c1920s
Postcard from Editors collection*

In my tenth year I left Ryde House school for Woking County Secondary School for Boys, to which I travelled by bus for the first few years until I was old enough to cycle. At first there were no other boys from Send at that school but later I was joined by Fred Oliver, with whom I had lots of fun, particularly when the meadows were flooded, when we constructed rafts.

Before the "New Cut", the relief canal parallel to the Navigation canal, was dug, the River Wey over-flowed every year, flooding Old Woking High Street and the meadows adjoining the river. Many of the older houses in the High Street were built some two feet above ground level with steps to the doors to prevent them from becoming flooded.

In about 1933 there was some excitement in the village when Alan Cobham's Flying Circus arrived on the Broadmead with several Avro 504 Tutor bi-planes and two airliners carrying about eight and twelve passengers respectively. I and other boys would spend hours there watching the handling and flying of the aircraft, although we could not afford the 5/- (25p) required for a ten or 15 minute trip in an Avro. For the next three or four years the Flying Circus returned either to the Broadmeads or to a field at the bottom of East Clandon Road and I missed none of them.

I well remember one day when I was about twelve being taken by a friend of my father to Byfleet and to a footbridge spanning the race track at Brooklands near the Byfleet Banking to see the racing cars practising for the following day's racing. I was thrilled by the way the cars climbed almost to the top of the banking to take the curve. At about the same time I went on a school visit to Brooklands and we were taken over the Vickers factory on the Weybridge side of the airfield and the Hawker factory on the Byfleet side. The aircraft being built then were the Vickers Victoria bomber and the Hawker Fury and Hart fighters. I suspect that those visits and the times I spent at the Flying Circuses were what motivated me to volunteer for flying duties later.

Whilst at Woking School I played in the House soccer and cricket teams and, later, in the school Rugby team. The school arranged visits once a year for the senior pupils and I remember visits to Winchester Cathedral and Shippams meat and fish paste factory and by boat to Westminster pier to the Royal docks and the East and West India docks, all of which were full with ocean-going ships. Several evening visits were arranged to the Old Vic to see Shakespeare plays.

From the age of four I attended Sunday School at Cartbridge Congregational Chapel and from the age of about twelve took part in the annual Anniversary service with other pupils, the whole service, except playing the organ, being conducted by the children. Each year there was a Sunday School outing and we visited Chobham common, Burpham lock by canal barge – horsedrawn in those days – both on several occasions, and Hayling Island. Each year on the anniversary of the founding of the mother church in Guildford Cartbridge sent a delegation. The first bus to Guildford was not until about 11 am so we walked to Guildford, returning by bus.

I left school in December 1938 after passing the Schools Certificate and Matriculation examination the previous June and started work with the Legal and General Insurance Society Ltd. at Aldwych in London on 31st December. I was only the second Send resident to travel daily to London, the other being Gilbert Simmons

From the summer of 1938 I joined and played regularly for the Send 2nd eleven cricket team and, although I was only an indifferent batsman, I was quite good in the field, and so held my place in the team.

I had learned the rudiments of ballroom dancing from an aunt when I was 14 and from 1937 I regularly cycled into Woking to dances and, as one of the girls in our group was the daughter of the landlord of the pub in Chobham Road, which I believe was the White Hart, we were able to use the squash courts there every Sunday morning at 7.30 am. There were occasional dances at the Drill Hall (now the Lancaster Hall) also. There was a weekly library held in one of the ground floor rooms of the Institute by Mrs Gus Sex until the travelling library was introduced some time after the second world war.

From 1937 I had a girl friend who lived in Woking and we were together until she died suddenly from pneumonia in 1941. (To be continued)

Alex V Wood

FARR'S, HIGH STREET, RIPLEY

The postcard photo of Farr's shown on the front page is probably from the late 1920s, and has recently been donated to the Society by our member, Brian Cobley. The photo shows in nice detail the shop windows, as it was as a confectioner and tobacconist, in the time of Ella and Winifred Farr. A history of the house and its various businesses was written by Jane Bartlett and published in Newsletter no. 113.

The house as seen in the photo by Ken Bourne has recently been extensively altered and modernised with new and separate accommodation built in place of the original bakery and stable at the rear.

John Slatford



THE WISLEY DUG-OUT CANOE

At Newsletter 78/8 (Jan/Feb 1988) Bob Gale referred very briefly to this item from the "Bronze Age" discovered in the bed of the River Wey at Wisley in 1907 and reported in *Surrey*

Archaeological Collections XXIV and XX5b (1911 & 1912). In the September 2001 issue of the *SAS Bulletin* (No. 352) there is a report on the canoe by Mary Alexander, Deputy Curator of Guildford Museum. From this we learn that the boat was originally given to Weybridge Museum where it was displayed for many years. Due to lack of space, in 1988 it was given to Guildford Museum because it had originally been found just inside the Guildford Borough boundary. It was assumed that it was prehistoric but there was no evidence for a date.

In 2000 the remains, surviving surprisingly well in spite of lack over the years of what would now be regarded as proper care, were included in an exhibition about the Wey Navigation. The Friends of Guildford Museum paid to have it professionally dated at a university in Kiel, Germany. To everyone's surprise it seems it was made around AD 1160. It is about 11ft long, 1'8" wide and 1'2" deep, and was made from a whole oak log squared at each end. One end, presumed to be the stern, is wider. The flat bottom means it would not need a great depth of water. Damian Goodburn of the Museum of London Specialist Services has written a report. This shows that the original log was of poor quality, suggesting a home-made peasant craft. It was probably used for local transport and for fishing or fowling. It could be poled briskly by one person with a cargo, or it could carry three adults. There is still doubt about the date as a radio-carbon reading, recently discovered, taken whilst it was at Weybridge suggested it was AD110-345. Tree-ring dating may be tried later.

I.es Bowerman

THE SURREY LOCAL HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

Six SRHS members attended the Symposium on 26th October, namely Chris & Geoff Parker, Tony & Patricia Medlen, and ourselves. It was, as usual with the Symposium, a thoroughly enjoyable day out (albeit not the same without the genial presiding presence of the late Ken Gravett).

With the theme of Rural Surrey, it was surprising to find that, with only two exceptions, all the exhibits were paper and flat. The two exceptions were a) a Mr & Mrs Smith with rural hand tools and implements, very interesting but with no captions, and b) the SRHS stand, imaginatively prepared by Clare McCann who was unable to attend, and erected with some trepidation in the Chertsey Hall by Anne and self. We could be biased, but we felt ours was the most interesting with paperwork and artefacts on the Broadmead, local-smithies, and mills and milling. Pride of place in the stand, and making it outstanding, was the newly finished illuminated 1:20 model of the interior working parts of the former Newark Mill, sadly burned down in 1966, superbly made by member Reg King. The model was surmounted by Reg's semi-exploded drawing of the mill which showed how the machinery related to the rest of the building. We also displayed the hand-stone-grinding wheel from Cobham Cottages, the Broadmead branding iron and a pile of horseshoes which were among items from the former Ripley smithy recently given to the Society by Brian Copley.

The speakers were:

Professor Peter Edwards of Surrey University, Roehampton, on Tudor and Stuart Farming in Surrey. He covered the topics of open fields, enclosures, and markets.

Professor Alun Howkins of Sussex University whose paper was entitled "The Land of Lost Content – 20th Century Rural England". Ours was a profoundly regional society. He dealt with what happened to rural society going back as far as 1862, and also with what people perceived to be happening, which reflected their outlook. Rural planning and to some extent politics

were covered. Rural England is a managed landscape. There are huge problems with the demand for rural housing.

Paul Ritchie, Countryside Officer for the Corporation of London (not a contradiction in terms but manager of bridges and 10,000 acres of commons in and around London) spoke about "Aspects of Managing Rural Commons". The Corporation's land includes Ashted Common (SW of Epsom), Burnham Beeches and Hampstead Heath. In the Victorian period there was concern that people were losing touch with the land. The Corporation owns the land, which is all within 25 miles of the City of London. It is for the recreation and enjoyment of the public under the Open Spaces Act.

Charles Abdy, Secretary of Nonsuch History Society. His subject was "The Lost Farms of Ewell." In 1900 there were twenty farms. Today there is only one.

Finally, **Chris Sheppard** spoke on "The lost Countryside – images of rural life." This was a series of photographs, mostly from the Farnham area, showing rural activities from the beginning of photography.

It was announced in closing that the Surrey Local History Council is definitely to merge with the Surrey Archaeological Society. There will be a spring meeting on 23rd March at Mayford Village Hall on "The Surrey Way of Death". This is a subject which Geoff Parker suggested last year. Next year's Symposium will probably be on the 1950s.

Les Bowerman

ACQUISITIONS BY THE SOCIETY

In 1990 the Society bought (for £5) a copy of the Send & Ripley Inclosure Act. This does not appear to have been officially recorded before. Presently on display at Museum.

The following items have been acquired during 2001:

<i>Ref No.</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Date Acquired</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Location</i>
A316	Envelope of 6/4/1896 to Lord Lovelace	04.01	P Aldridge	Send Manor
A317	Plans of Jubilee Café, Portsmouth Road	06.01	Iris Watts	Museum
A318	Foundation plans of SRHS Museum	06.01	D Bromley	Send Manor
A319	Plans of Carpenters Shop Alt'ns at W'fold Gates	06.01	D Bromley	Send Manor
A320	WW2 Memories of Alex Wood	06.01	Alex Wood	K. Bourne
A321	Vicker's Sewing Machine (ex donor's Aunt at Mayford)	06.01	Jill Bromley	Portacabin
A322	3/1948 Woking & Dist Rail Time Tables	07.01	Sid Stanley	Send Manor
A323	20/1/45 Send Flt ATC NY Party Prog (Ph/copy)	07.01	Sid Stanley	Send Manor
A324	ATC Training Progress report (Ph/copy)	07.01	Sid Stanley	Send Manor
A325	ATC Cadet's Flying & Gliding Log (Ph/copy)	07.01	Sid Stanley	Send Manor
A326	ATC Membership Card (Ph/copy)	07.01	Sid Stanley	Send Manor
A327	Press cuttings scrapbook 5/90-11.91	07.01	Audrey Sykes	Send Manor
A328	WW2 Stirrup Pump	07.01	Stan Smith	Portacabin
A329	Painted board "Kenneth E White Ltd, Reg'd Office" (On indefinite loan)	09.01	John Hutson	J Slatford
A330	Pewter lozenge making tray, ex Ripley Pharmacy (On indefinite loan)	09.01	John Hutson	J Slatford
A331	Pill making device in mahogany, brass & marble, ex Ripley Pharmacy (on indefinite loan)	09.01	John Hutson	J Slatford
A332	Send & Ripley Inclosure map 1804 (photo-copy)	10.01	Brian Cobley	Send Manor
	Postcard, Farr's shop. Confectioners/Tobacconists	10.01	Brian Cobley	Jane Bartlett

A333	Clay pipe c1800(?), decorated with Britannia & a Soldier, ex 14 Newark Lane garden	10.01	Brian Cobley	Museum
A334	Numerous h/shoes, hinges, etc., ex Ripley Smithy	10.01	Brian Cobley	Send Manor
A335	Mothers Union Cert, ex Ethel Donn, Tannery Lane	10.01	Rob Donn	Send Manor
A336	M U "Home Life" booklet, ex Ethel. Donn	10.01	Rob Donn	Send Manor
A337	Numerous shards., etc (inc broken tobacco pipes) Ex 14 Newark Lane garden	11.01	Brian Cobley	Send Manor
	Book "The Danes of Send Manor" by Bob Heal (2001)	11.01	Bowerman	Library

Les Bowerman, Archivist

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Members – We welcome the following new members to the Society:

Mr R P Dawson, Waters Meet, 7 Azalea Ave., Lindford, Bordon, Hants. GU35 0YD

Mr & Mrs J Sweeting, Greenheys, Send Marsh Rd., Ripley, Surrey. GU23 6JT

Mr & Mrs T N Stanton, 33 Orchard Close, Stanstead Abbots, Herts. SG12 8AH

Mrs Pat Burchell, 116 Send Rd., Send, Woking. GU23 7HN

Mrs M R Lockett, 6 Woodhill Court, Send, Woking. GU23 7JR

Mrs Marie Timmings, (re-joined), Staddle-Stones, Tannery Lane, Send, Woking. GU23 7EF

Mr & Mrs T Deacon, Woodhill Cottage, Send, Woking. GU23 7JP

Mr & Mrs Wild, Windrush, Boughton Hall Ave., Send, Woking. GU23 7DE

Mr & Mrs A G Purvis, Whisperings, Church St., Old Woking. GU22 9JF

Well over half of the subscriptions for 2002 have been received by the time of writing. Will anyone who has not renewed by the time you read this kindly let me have your dues as soon as possible. The rates are £8 for single membership, £10 for couples, and an extra £2 if your Journal arrives through the post. Cheques to be made payable to Send & Ripley History Society, please.

*Les Bowerman (Acting Membership Secretary)
Send Manor, Ripley, Surrey. GU23 6JS.*

SRHS MEETINGS

Although the Society has nearly 300 members, attendance at our meetings is often disappointing, and I am hoping that our new 2002 programme of speakers and activities will encourage more to come along.

Fees for speakers cost the Society an average of £40 per meeting and the modest profits we make from refreshments and raffles help to defray some of these costs. If you have any suggestions for improving our meetings, or any requests for a particular speaker or topic, I should be pleased to hear from you as I am already thinking about 2003. Meanwhile, do come and support our speakers, and enjoy your evenings out.

Anne Bowerman (Programme Secretary)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS**Tuesday 22nd January – 8pm Ripley Village Hall**

“Tales of the Pilgrims’ Way”. This is the latest Circle 8 film. It is the story of a travelling band of Morris dancers, a jolly tale told with wit and music, and full of beautiful views of Surrey and Kent, with snippets of history and legend.

Wednesday 13th February – 7.45pm Send Church Rooms, Send Road.

The Annual General Meeting followed by a talk by the Guildford writer and journalist, Russell Chamberlin on “The History of the Guildford Institute”. Please note the earlier than usual starting time. Please arrive promptly so that the AGM can be finished in good time as the talk is a full length one.

Wednesday 13th March – 8pm Ripley Village Hall Annexe.

An illustrated talk by Nick Pollard on “The History of Shepperton & Sunbury” (to be followed by a guided tour in May).

Wednesday 24th April – 8pm Send Church Rooms, Send Road.

“Reminiscences of an Edwardian Butler”. A Talk by Hugh Edgar, who plays the butler in the BBC’s “Edwardian House”.

Tuesday 21st May – Afternoon visit to Chatley Heath Semaphore Tower, and possibly another place of nearby historic interest.

Further details in the next issue of the Journal.

Wednesday 26th June – Evening walk around Shepperton with Nick Pollard.

Finish at the Anchor in Church Square.

Sunday 21st July – All day outing to Bath.

Wednesday 25th September – 8pm Send Church Rooms

“Secrets of the Victorian Boudoir”. A talk by Marion May with display of Victorian underwear!

Wednesday 16th October – 8pm Ripley Village Hall,

The History of Squire’s Garden Centres. An illustrated talk by Charles Squire.

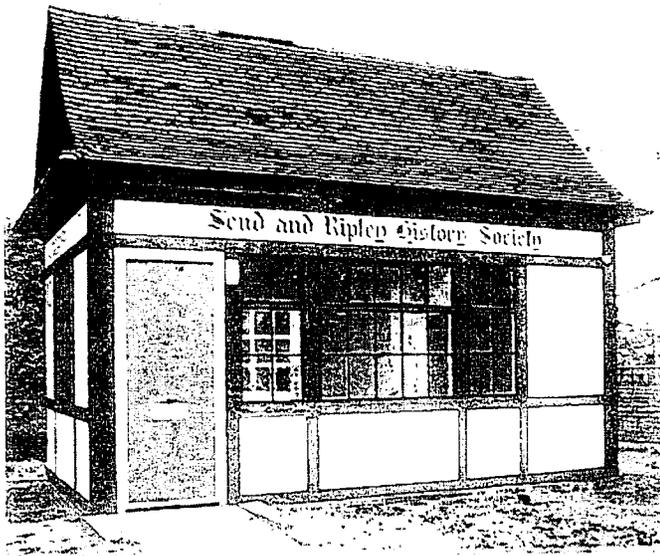
Wednesday 20th November – 8pm Send Church Rooms

The Ritual Use of Plants in Old Houses. A talk by Chris Howkins.

Wednesday 18th December – Ripley Village Hall

Christmas Social.

Journal Contributions: Closing date for contributions for the next edition of the Journal is
Friday 8th February 2002



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Please contact Les Bowerman on 01483 224876 if you
require information or wish to help in the museum.

HISTORY SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

"Ripley & Send Then and Now, the Changing Scene of Surrey Village Life"	£10 Reprint 1998
"Guide to Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Send"	£1.25
"Then and Now, A Victorian Walk around Ripley"	Reference copy only
"The Straight Furrow", by Fred Dixon	£1.50
"Ripley and Send - Looking Back"	£4.95
"A Walk about Ripley Village in Surrey"	£2.00
"Newark Mill, Ripley, Surrey"	£2.95
"The Hamlet of Grove Heath, Ripley, Surrey"	£4.00
"Ripley and Send - an Historical Pub Crawl in Words and Pictures"	£6.00

The reference copy is available at the Museum. All the others are available from the Museum on Saturday mornings, or from Ripley Post Office. The reprinted copy of "Ripley & Send Then and Now" is additionally available at Send Post Office.

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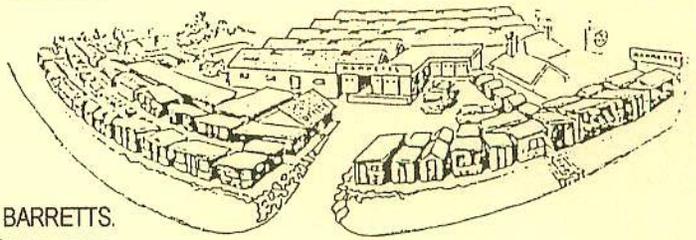


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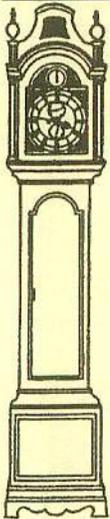


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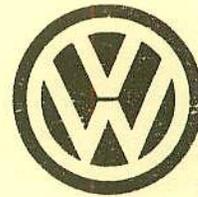
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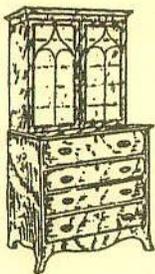
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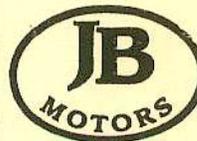
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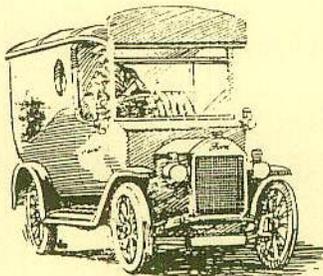
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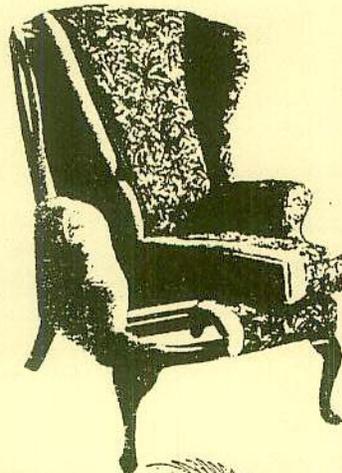
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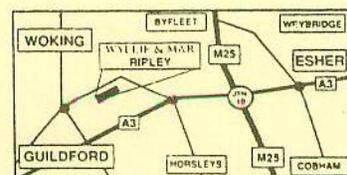
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