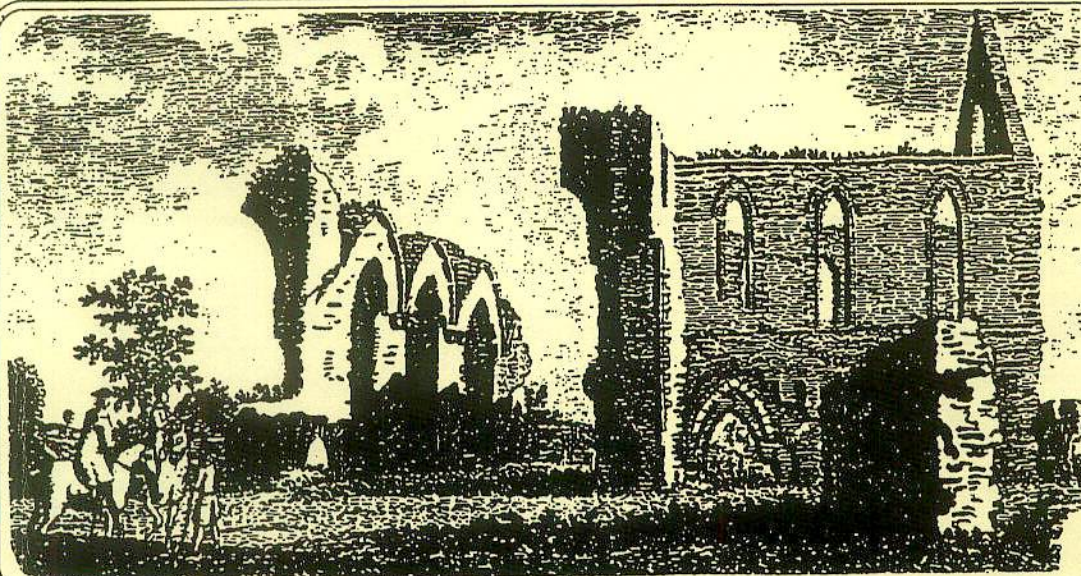


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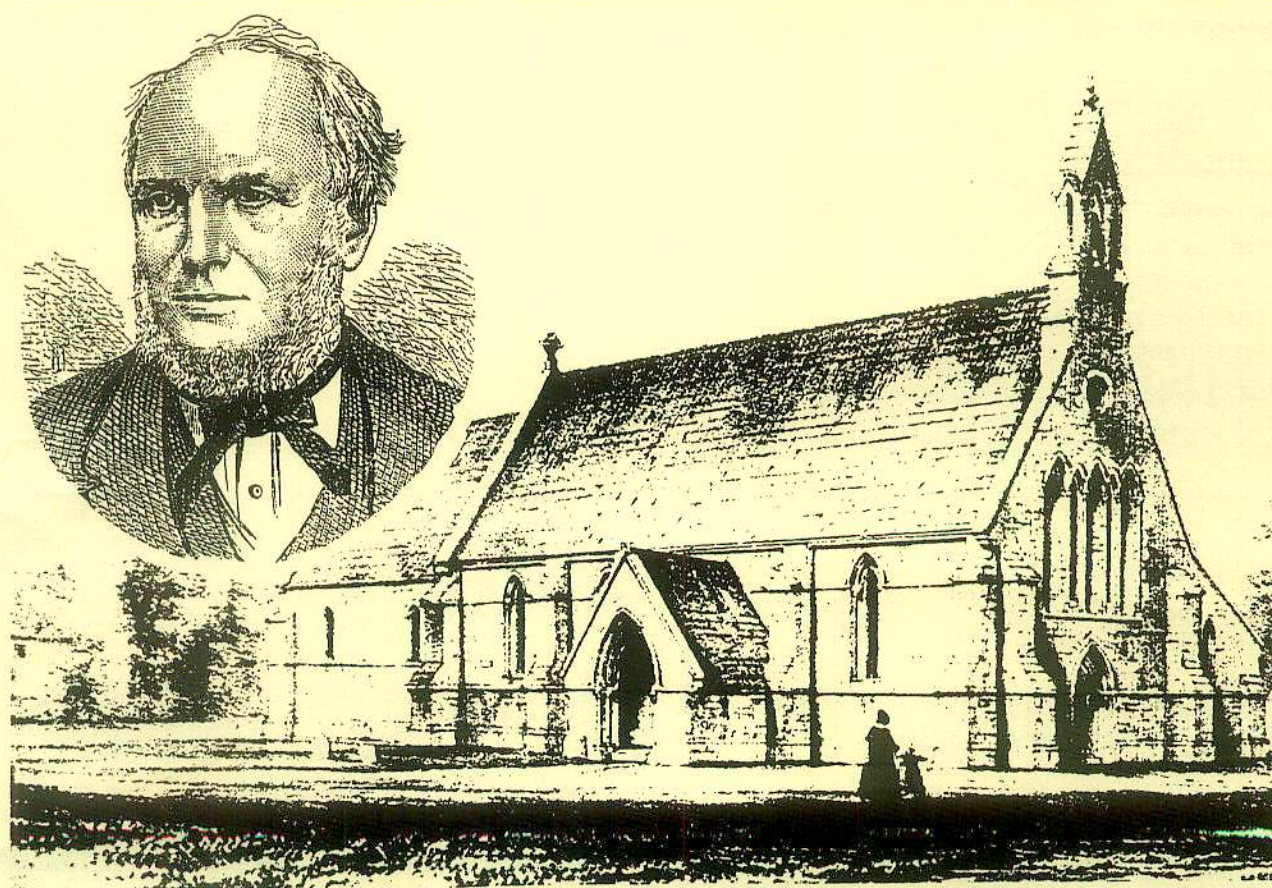


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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This Journal contains much material of local interest, for which I thank our contributors once again. I must apologise for the quality of reproduction of the sketches relating to the archaeological evaluation at St Mary Magdalen Church, Ripley, on page 9 of the previous Journal. Rather than reproduce these again, if any reader would like a copy of the two cross-sectional views, please contact me and I will arrange to send this to you.

The programme of forthcoming events is being updated. Some of the events are included in the Journal, and as soon as the updated version has been produced, a further copy will be available for members and visitors to consult in the Museum.

One item in the programme, commencing on Sunday, April 9, is concerned with a general walkabout to observe the flora, fauna and buildings within the Send and Ripley areas. The ultimate aim is to note observations and add these to a map of the area. This will appeal to both those interested in recording such data, and others who would just like to have an interesting walk. Please come along and support this event, which is likely to be repeated throughout the summer months.

25TH ANNIVERSARY AND MILLENNIUM DINNER

Seventy-two members and friends attended this very pleasant dinner, held at the Hautboy Hotel, Ockham, on Monday, 24 January 2000, being just four days short of our Inaugural Meeting, held on 28 January 1975. The accommodation, the food and wine provided by the hotel were first class, and the speeches to mark the occasion were, mercifully, fairly short.

The President, Ken Bourne, began by giving apologies from Rita Pullen and Mary Milner, both of whom were prevented from attending through illness, and best wishes were received from Ken French, who was unable to attend, and is, later in the year, moving to Nottingham, but hopes to keep in touch through the Journal.

Thanks were conveyed to Patricia Medlen, who organised the Dinner, and, of course, to the members who were able to come along on the evening.

The toast was to the founding members, the names of whom Ken Bourne, in view of the small number, read out to those present. The founding members had been extended to include not only those who attended the Inaugural Meeting who are still members today, but those who joined at the subsequent meeting, being the Society's first open meeting, and are also still members today. For the record, these members are Irene Bleach (then Carter), Les and Anne Bowerman, Derek and Jill Bromley, Sheila Brown, Jean Carpenter, Ted and Rita Goldup, Brian and Daphne Jackson, Mavis Lake, Diane Mills, Mary Milner, Chris and Geoff Parker, John and Bette Slatford, Janet and Trevor Tice, and Bernard Watts. Ken then went on to pay special tribute to Les Bowerman, the creator and founder of the Society, and to the continuous active role he has played, not only as its first Secretary and Newsletter Editor, but as its past President and current Chairman. Other members of the Society, who were not necessarily at either of those first two meetings, but have made considerable contributions to its growth and wellbeing, were also mentioned, among whom were: Tony and Patricia Medlen, who supported the Society through organising and attending various exhibitions, and numerous other activities, Tony Medlen more recently, in his role as Deputy Chairman, also presiding at meetings, Chris and Geoff Parker, and in particular Chris, who had typed all the Newsletters, except for one issue (eg 148 out of the 149 Newsletters), and one Journal over the 25 year period, and John and Bette Slatford, who had continuously kept records and provided articles for the Newsletter and Journal, concerning buildings and events from the past. Other contributors to not only the Journal, but the Society's activities, were: John Bartlett, through his articles on buildings, Jane Bartlett, through her articles

and talks on local memories, and her important role as Archivist of the photographic collection, Bob Gale, past Editor of the Newsletter, Marilyn Scrace, past Treasurer, Peter Spindler, Honorary Auditor for many years, and Audrey Sykes, our current Secretary, who wished to relinquish her post at the next AGM (see separate item in this Journal). Other members mentioned, including past and present, were Pat Clack, Ray Davies, Eric Ferris, Albie and Reg Giles, Terry and Ros Hewitt, Clare McCann, Lyn Mileham and David Porter. George Bleach had already been mentioned in the previous edition of the Newsletter, but an additional acknowledgement was paid to him by John Slatford. The list, of course, could not possibly be exhaustive, and apologies were given for anyone that might not have been mentioned and should have been.

The President presented a bouquet of flowers to Anne Bowerman, on behalf of the Committee, in grateful thanks for Anne's hospitality on the many occasions on which they meet at Les and Anne's House.

The Chairman, Les Bowerman, thanked the President for his kind words and observed that it was pleasing to know that so many founding members were still with us 25 years on, some of whom were at the Dinner that evening.

Les began by thanking Clare Howard and her colleagues at the Hautboy for putting on such a good dinner and for looking after the members throughout the evening.

Les gave a brief résumé of the history of the Hautboy Hotel, which was built by Lord Lovelace in 1861 (?), and the significant role it had played in the development of women's clothing for cycling, eg divided garments, much frowned on in the latter part of the 19th century. Today some of our female members were there, he said, in the "posh part" of the hotel wearing trouser suits.

Les said it was very tempting, after a quarter of a century, to wax nostalgic and reminisce about the old days, but he did that on the 20th Anniversary and again in the current issue of the Newsletter, now renamed the Journal, to reflect the fact that its contents were mostly academic, and permanent rather than just news. "Nice round numbers, aren't they: year 2000 - 25 years - issue No 150 - a matter of congratulation - 6 issues per year for 25 years = 150, without a single issue lost?"

Les said he edited for 11 years, Bob Gale improved the presentation over the following six years and Ken had brought it to state-of-the-art perfection as a local history society periodical over the past eight years.

However, with the sound of fireworks and celebrations over the Millennium still in our ears, Les said we had to look forward rather than back. He said he shouldn't really mention who had done what over the years, but he would, and in particular, what indeed would the Journal be if Chris, with assistance from Geoff, hadn't been responsible for typing 149 of the 150 issues?

Les said the creation of the Museum was a one-off stupendous operation, planned and carried out over a relatively short period, but it just wouldn't have happened without the drive and imagination of the then Chairman, John Slatford, or the experience and sheer hard graft of, most notably, Derek Bromley and Ted Goldup.

Les said we had been lucky to have only two Secretaries in our 25 years. Audrey Sykes had, for the last 11 years, done that job with devotion and good humour, but due to her change in circumstances, was going to give it up. No doubt there would be other plaudits at the AGM in February, but we did want to thank her at that, the biggest of all our functions. "Oh and we shall need a new Secretary - somebody, please!"

Les said that as to the future, the year 2000 (Y2K) - the new century - the new Millennium, it was a sobering thought that we remaining founding members were now much the age of those people whose memories we were originally so keen to record before it was too late. He said the future lay, of course, with our younger members, of whom we did have some very enthusiastic ones - Clare McCann, Marilyn Scrace, Christina Sheard, and no doubt others would

come along.

Les said that for the year 2000, we were hoping to produce a photographic survey of local life and people, to accompany the survey of buildings which Ken had already done and given to the Society - a form of "Looking Back" to accompany "Then and Now".

Les said there were plans to develop the Museum - Clare and Anne had been at a meeting only that afternoon - nothing too ambitious, but we did need better wheelchair access, coffee making facilities, toilets and storage.

Les said that speaking of the Museum, we needed constant vigilance to acquire suitable artefacts, much as we had to be alert to photograph and record the changing face of the villages. If not, we would miss out. Send Church had some very nice Millennium Mugs made for sale, but they had sold out. "Through the efforts of Doris Bradley and Irene Bleach, we have acquired two, - very nicely done and they will look better as the years go by."

Les said we had two books in the pipeline and others were begging to be written. There were more memories to record, and we should not leave it all to Jane Bartlett. There were also more local documents to be found and researched.

Les, in conclusion, thanked once again Patricia Medlen for organising the evening, and the toast was "The members and the future of the Send & Ripley History Society".

BENJAMIN FERREY, FRIBA, FSA (1810-80)

The biography of this eminent architect, who is associated with the rebuilding of the nave of St Mary Magdalen Church, Ripley, is perhaps best understood in context with the times in which he was born, grew up and subsequently practised his profession.

Ferrey was born only 27 years after America had become independent. France was a republic and the Napoleonic Wars were not to end until 1815. Both France and England were busy carving out empires, but the British Empire was in its ascendant, in spite of the loss of the American Colonies. The Government of the time, however, was concerned that the unrest in the country, due to unemployment, particularly in the country areas, and bad living and working conditions in the cities, which had already been the cause of a number of riots, might lead to revolution in this country. To prevent this, there were many laws and measures introduced to improve the lot of the poor. The Government sought also to increase the number of places of worship, of which there was a great shortage, particularly in the expanding towns and cities. In 1818 it voted to spend a million pounds (the Million Act) on new churches. Grants were to be given towards their cost, preference being given to the poorer areas and developing districts around London and other towns. Nearly 300 new churches were built between 1819 and 1830. This, however, was just the beginning. The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, who administered the fund, required their churches to be built in "the most economical manner to accommodate the greatest number of persons at the smallest expense". Generally the accommodation was for 2000 persons and the grant varied, but was fixed at a maximum of £20,000. Several churches in London, however, cost a great deal more than this, which was supplemented from private donation, notably St Pancras, Euston Road, which cost the enormous sum of £90,000 in 1822. Generally the cost of the churches was far more modest and there are still about 50 Commissioners' Churches, or Waterloo Churches, as they were also known, in London, and every town has one or two of these buildings, many of which are still in use.

The designs are based upon a rectangle, at the East end of which is a shallow recess or platform for a chancel. Galleries are fitted at the West, North and South sides, with seating beneath and in the centre at ground floor level. The windows in the West and either side are usually full length to give light both to the floor and to the galleries. The font is usually placed under the West gallery. The only scope for invention was the West entrance, which is usually

represented with classical columns and perhaps a steeple. In spite of the ingenuity of the architects, these churches were very unpopular with the Anglicans, who preferred the layout of the traditional English church. Thus from about 1830, there began a movement to build churches in a typically English style, and through the influence of the Cambridge Camden Society and its magazine, *The Ecclesiologist*, and leading Churchmen and architects of the day, it was generally agreed that the Early English period produced a style of church building that was identifiable as truly English. From then onwards, apart from occasional classical revival buildings, the "Gothic Revival" gathered momentum, and most of all the new churches built from 1820 to the turn of the century were in this style. This period of church building, which included renovations, was the greatest since the Middle Ages. There were undoubtedly some disasters and losses of important old buildings, due to the enthusiasm of the architects and builders for the new Gothic style. There are, however, many excellent buildings and many sympathetic renovations or restorations, the latter no doubt being required in any event, which are now our heritage from this energetic Victorian building period.

Such a demand for new buildings required masons, carpenters, glaziers and many specialist services, not least those of the architect. This period of tremendous activity, not only in ecclesiastical architecture, but also civil buildings and other structures, produced such architects as James Savage, who designed one of the first truly Gothic churches, built in Chelsea in 1824, William Butterfield, George Edmund Street, who built the Law Courts, John L Pearson, Sir George G Scott, who was knighted for his vast output of over 740 buildings produced between 1847 and 1878, when he died, and last, but by no means least, Augustus Welby Pugin, one of the key personalities in the Gothic Revival, who assisted Sir Charles Barry with the details and furnishings of the Palace of Westminster, and who subsequently died, due to overwork, at the young age of 40. This was also the age of William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones and their contemporaries, who responded with an explosion of new designs for stained glass, tiles, pottery, fabrics and printing styles that matched perfectly the Victorian image of the romantic Gothic age.

Benjamin Ferrey was of Huguenot origin, whose ancestors fled France after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in the 17th century. He was born in Christchurch, Hampshire, and as a young lad spent much of his time sketching the details of Christchurch Priory. His father, noticing this talent for drawing, sent him to be a pupil of Augustus Charles Pugin, where he studied architectural drawing and was a contemporary of Pugin's son, Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin. The family and pupils travelled extensively throughout the Continent, sketching buildings of architectural merit, which, of course, included churches and cathedrals, and Pugin senior allowed his pupils to put their own names next to their sketches in addition to his own. Ferrey produced a biography of the Pugins, and after his period of study he left to work with William Wilkins, RA, where he produced the detailed drawings for the National Gallery. At the young age of 24, he started business on his own account in Great Russell Street, London. In the same year, he brought out, in conjunction with Edward Wedlake Brayley, *Antiquities of the Priory Church of Christchurch*. Brayley did the narrative. In 1836 Ferrey married Anne Lucas of Stapleton Hall, Hornsey.

His first important commission came in 1838 when he was engaged to do the layout of an estate at Bournemouth which included the Royal Bath Hotel. He became a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and in the same year, 1839, carried out a commission for the design of part of the County Hospital at Dorchester. In 1841, he was appointed Honorary Diocesan Architect of Bath & Wells, a position he held until his death in 1880. In 1842, he superintended the restoration of the nave, transept and Lady Chapel of Wells Cathedral. From 1846-53, he resided at The Grove, Fair Mill, Henley-on-Thames, working also from his offices in London and a canons' house in Wells. In 1853, he took two months off to tour France, Italy, Switzerland and Germany.

Undoubtedly, Ferrey's association with the Pugin family, and his own love for the Gothic style, particularly the Early English period, ensured that this was his preferred style in architecture. However, his training and his ability as an accurate draughtsman ensured that he was not merely a copyist, but seemed to understand, and was in complete sympathy with, the Gothic style. He undoubtedly was not as famous as many of his contemporaries, but in time no doubt his work will become appreciated as some of the best examples of Gothic Revival which was produced at this time.

Whilst carrying out work at Ripley in 1845/6, he was also rebuilding Shalford Church, went on to build St Andrews at Kingswood in 1848, and in 1849 completed St Stephens, Rochester Row, Westminster, which Nicholas Pevsner stated "as one of the first serious attempts at a more scholarly Gothic Revival". One of his last works, in 1877, was for the Duke of Connaught, where he departed from his usual Gothic style to build a Mock Tudor house. Throughout his lifetime, he built several hundred churches, particularly in Southern England. Ripley residents were indeed fortunate to have had such a competent and learned man as their architect for their church's new nave.

Ken Bourne

SOMETHING ODD ABOUT THE 1881 CENSUS

By John Slatford

Members who are into family history will no doubt have studied the 1881 Census and be aware of the recent launch by the Mormon Church of the complete and fully indexed version of this on CD-ROM. Bette and I have already found it very useful in filling gaps in our various researches. Having said that, the results have not always been what we had hoped for because of misspellings and other mistakes in the transcriptions, which were all done manually by many members of various family history societies.

Most readers of the CDs will probably not, so far, be aware of the existence in the CD for Greater London-Middlesex of a quite amusing "spoof" entry of a totally fictitious family. I have taken the liberty of extracting some detail from an article about it in the *Journal of One Name Studies*, by Roy Stockdill, and I have actually looked up and printed out the relevant entry from the Census CD. From the article, it seems that the entry was genuinely and innocently extracted by a transcriber from the original enumerator's book. Before that, It appears that someone in the Public Record Office had, in recent times, made the entry in the last page of the book, which was blank. Why it was done and by whom is anyone's guess.

The "family", living in Acacia Gardens in Paddington, is headed by Robert Goodman, aged 52, described as "International Playboy" and "Lunatic". His wife is 97 and there are two sons: one, aged 40, is described as a "Ponce", and the other, aged 12, is a scholar. These are followed by 21 servants, all with English names, but originating from all over the world, in particular from Timbuctoo!

There are many giveaways. Firstly, there was no Acacia Gardens in Paddington at that time, nor is there today. "International Playboys" would not have been known then, and a wife aged 97 with a son of 12 is somehow not quite right! One of the servants is stated to have been born in Pakistan, which did not exist until 1947.

It would seem that the joke has been spotted by various researchers, and it does make one wonder if there are more like it hidden away. The list reproduces the actual print out from the CD.

1881 British Census

Dwelling: 16 Acacia Gardens
 Census Place: Paddington, London, Middlesex, England
 Source: FHL Film 1341004 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 0020 Folio 126 Page 48

	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Robert GOODMAN	M	52	M	Maidstone, Kent, England
Rel: Head				
Occ: International Playboy				Handicap: Lunatic
Cecily GOODMAN	M	97	F	Maidstone, Kent, England
Rel: Wife				
Occ: No Profession				
Robert GOODMAN	U	40	M	Maidstone, Kent, England
Rel: Son				
Occ: Ponce				
James GOODMAN	U	12	M	Maidstone, Kent, England
Rel: Son				
Occ: Scholar				
Iain SMITH	M	65	M	Timbuctoo
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Butler				
Nelly SMITH	M	65	F	Nepal, India
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Wife Dom Serv				
Alfred GREEN	U	40	M	Rangpoor
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Chauffeur				
Abraham WILKE	U	25	M	Afghanistan
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Footman				
John GORDON	U	31	M	Pakistan
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Footman				
David KING	U	25	M	Syria
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Footman				
William JOHNSTONE	U	40	M	Lisbon
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Footman				
Mary SMART	U	20	F	India
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Ladys Maid				
Lizzie JONES	U	19	F	Colombo
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Ladys Maid				
Jean ABRANOS	U	17	F	Penal Colony, Australia
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Ladys Maid				
Mary WILSON	M	41	F	Timbuctoo
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Laundry Maid				
Elizabeth KIMMETT	U	30	F	Timbuctoo
Rel: Servant				
Occ: Kitchen Maid				
Mary BENNETT	U	25	F	Timbuctoo

1881 British Census

	Rel: Servant				
	Occ: Kitchen Maid				
Nellie DAVIS		U	31	F	Timbuctoo
	Rel: Servant				
	Occ: Cook				
Mary PINK		U	28	F	Timbuctoo
	Rel: Servant				
	Occ: Nurse				
June MELLOR OR MELLON		U	18	F	Persia
	Rel: Servant				
	Occ: Governess				
Margaret SIDNEY		U	23	F	Russia
	Rel: Servant				
	Occ: Under Nurse				
Peter GEORGE		M	40	M	Russia
	Rel: Servant				
	Occ: Gardener				
John KING		U	31	M	Russia
	Rel: Servant				
	Occ: Asst Gardener				
William PALMER		U	15	M	Nepal, India
	Rel: Servant				
	Occ: Page				
John GORDON		U	14	M	Nepal, India
	Rel: Servant				
	Occ: Page				

VACANCY FOR SECRETARY

Audrey Sykes, who has for the past 11 years performed the job of Secretary with devotion and great humour, now finds that, due to her change of circumstances, it is time to retire from this role. She is very willing to assist her successor, if necessary, and we hope that there is someone who would be interested in taking on this very important job in the Society. It can be as little as simply taking the minutes of meetings, approximately six per year, and producing agendas for meetings, or additionally, dealing with all correspondence and assisting with programme organising. Anyone interested, please contact Audrey Sykes or our Chairman, Les Bowerman.

SEND AND RIPLEY WALKABOUT

On Sunday, April 9, you are invited to meet on Send Marsh Green at 10 am (leaving at 10.15), to walk some of the footpaths of Send and Ripley. The idea is to split into groups, depending on numbers, and to check the footpaths are open, and to take notes of anything of interest - flora and fauna, buildings of note, etc. This is some preliminary research with a view to producing a local footpath map, which we might enter for a Surrey County Council "Pride of Place" Award. If you are interested, or just feel like some exercise, do come along and join us.

57-59 SEND BARNS LANE, SEND

By Ken French

Now that our member, David Porter, has moved out of his parents' home, I am enclosing details and a plan of Nos 57-59 Send Barns Lane, Send, which were constructed by my father in 1937, acting as architect and builder to Mr W L Keene, a local farmer.

The semi-detached properties were to provide accommodation for milk-roundsmen working from the then Boughton Hall Farm Dairy, now Aldertons.

Mr Keene made one stipulation about the design - that the rear entrance doors had to be as far apart as possible - his reason being that he had noticed in a pair of bungalows built in Merrow that the farmworkers' wives spent a lot of time gossiping at the back doors (which irritated him), which were side by side.

The London Brick Company were making a facing brick called Rustic Flettons. At this time the Ritz Cinema was being erected in Woking using these, so the same type was used (because of price, I guess) at Send Barns Lane. Enclosed is a copy of the quotation, which states the price at 67s per 1000 bricks.

Father purpose made all the windows, door frames and stairs, but used standard ready-made interior and exterior doors which were in fashion at that period.

The plot of land was purchased by Mr Keene from Mr Arthur Sex, who was the son of the owner of Sex's forge. Arthur, who worked for his father, had two properties built for speculation, but as his backer withdrew, he decided to offer the land for sale for £100. Mr Keene told my father that as he was a friend and a good customer of the forge, he paid considerably less.

Nos 57-59 now stand on land that was originally intended as a driveway for a proposed rear development continuing into Bush Lane, but this never materialised.

Send Barns Lane was widened later from Mays Corner, so the properties lost part of their front gardens, including the septic tanks that were taking the drainage father had provided. There was no mains drainage in Send at that time.

Father's cost for supplying all labour and materials, including drawings, design and obtaining permission from Guildford Rural District Council, was £340.

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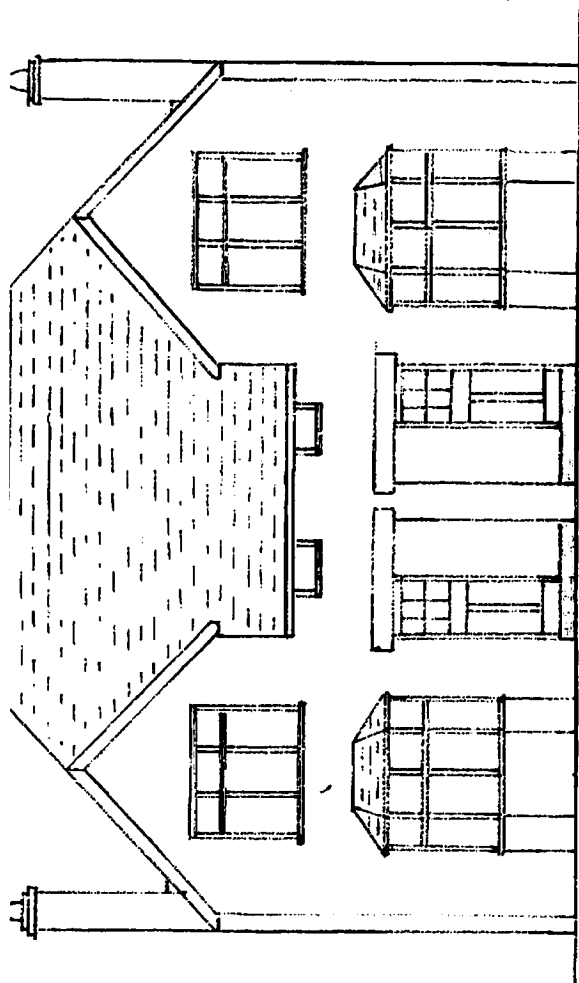
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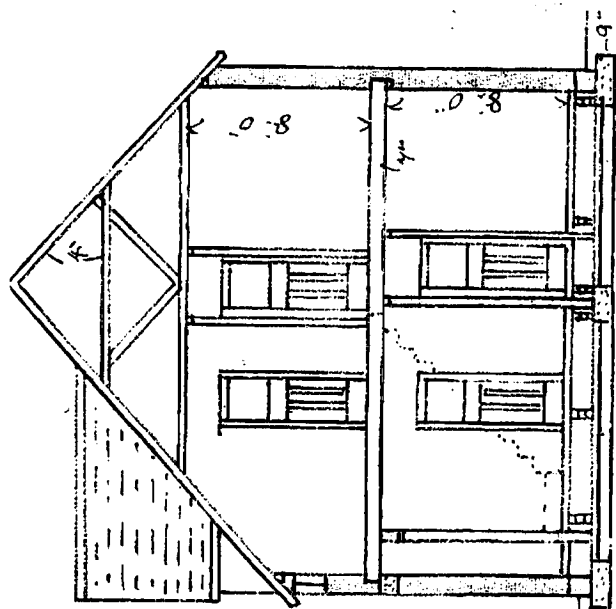
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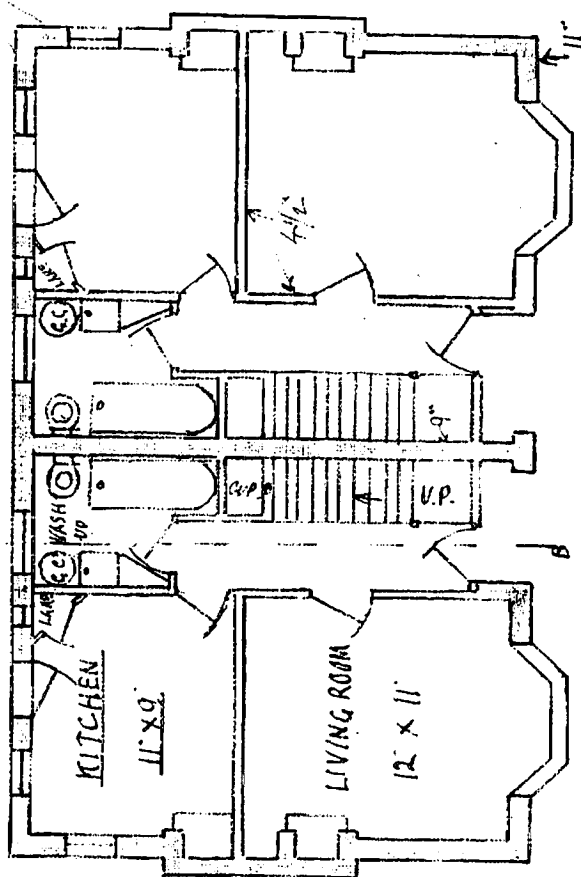
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	Bricks less 6	1000 halfpenny



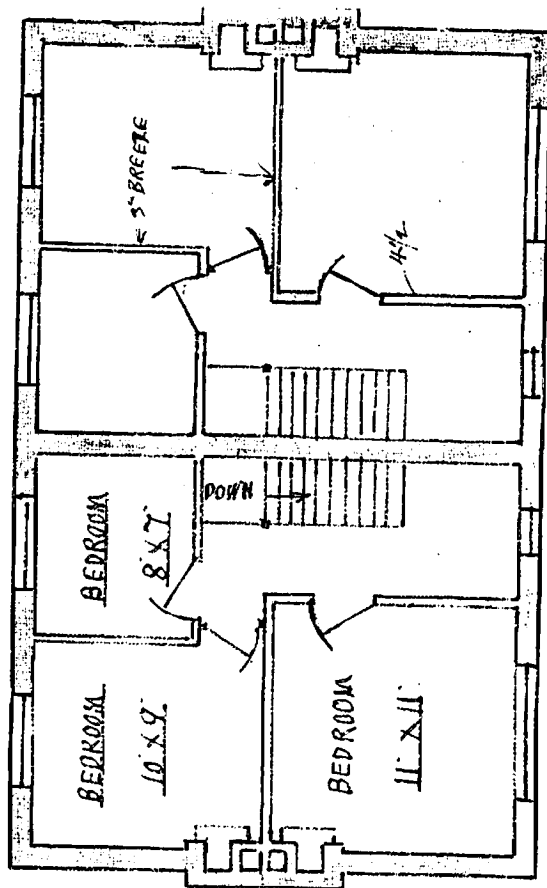
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SADS - A FESTIVAL OF SONG AND DRAMA

We have received a letter from Send Amateur Dramatic Society (SADS), who hope to celebrate the Millennium by staging a performance, entitled *A Festival of Song and Drama*, in June.

They are asking for volunteers to put on a short show (10-12 minutes) celebrating an episode in Britain's history. This can be serious or humorous, and they have provided me with a list of suggestions, so if there are any frustrated thespians amongst you, now is your chance! Contact me on 01483 222060 and I will pass the list to you, or call John Percival on 01483 714288 for help with the production. Good luck!

Audrey Sykes

FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE - BOWERS FAMILY

John M Slatford

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Sent: 18 January 2000 14:28
Subject: Bowers Family History from Ripley, Surrey, UK

For Shane & Jaqui Bowers,

Can you please pass on the following to your mum & dad, Pat & David.

Dear Pat & David,

We have seen your letter to George Bleach in the history society newsletter (now re-titled Journal!) and your subsequent letters. First, we would like to express our hope that Pat is recovering well from the operation and that the results are all positive.

We are writing to say that we work on many family histories for families like yourselves with recent or long past associations with Send and Ripley. In your case, we already have a file on Bowers, mainly through a Terry Bowers who lives near Bristol. He may already be known to you. He has done a lot of work and has produced several trees on one of which you are all listed. We're not quite sure of your exact connection with Terry but think it was through two brothers in the mid 1800s. If you are not already in touch with him, maybe you would like to do so. His details are: Terry Bowers, 79 Bader Close, North Yate, Bristol BS37 5UD England.

That is about all we can tell you at this stage. Hopefully, Terry will be able to enlarge.

With Best Regards

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The picture is our only grandchild Jade. 8yrs old. dressed in costume going to party.

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23nd. Dec. 1999,

Dear George,

Thank you for the Newsletter and letter.

Enclosed hopefully is enough to pay for postage for it. My daughter-in-law works in a bank so I don't have to pay the extra charges. She has worked it out on the rate of exchange at present.

We got a lovely letter from David Porter catching up from the last 2 years of his life very sad but he sounds as if he's getting there, it was lovely to hear from him again. David has already sent us out some newsletters including the first 3 ever done when the Society first started. A friend who moved out here in 1976 called Tony Friend and also his brother Ray are from an old family from Send so they also read the Newsletters so they go around also to our friends from aussie. It's great.

Tony's wife Liz is from Exeter I think but her parents owned the Bakery in Burpham for many years near the roundabout on A3 to Guildford before the by-pass and that's where Liz grew up.

I can't believe they knocked down the school and built houses there. Stan, David's older brother did a video for us before coming out here in 1993 for a visit. And the changes we saw on film and Stan told us of the many changes about the district too. It took a lot of taking in. His sister Pat came out here 1997 and she did a bit around Guildford and Aldershot where she lives. That's also changed.

The last few weeks I have been going to doctors and specialist and now have to have a full mastectomy for breast cancer on Thursday so next letter may be a time away. David and the children have been very supportive over this time so far, so I'm very positive it will all come good. New Beginnings all around.

But we hope you have a lovely xmas and new year 2000 and hopefully we will all get our new years resolution fulfilled. Long life and happiness after the struggle.

As my dad would say "chin up my girl" if still alive. ^{he was} he died in 1981.



Love to all.
Pat, David and Family.

Have you been to Japan to visit your son. They say
it's got some lovely architecture and scenery.

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William & Rose Bowers on
Wedding day 24/8/1913
St. Marys Church. Ripley.



6th Jan 2000

Dear George,

Hello, It's us again, Happy New Millennium lets hope its going to be a great one with a lot more changes in the world for everyone to learn from not kill one another. We watched the celebrations on TV from the hospital bed and werent the celebrations great. But I do say that some of the millions of dollars(pounds) spent could have gone to research. But all up in smoke. My favourite was the Eifel Tower and Sydney Harbour next.

Well I,m at home again but no results from op until next week thanks to the holidays and Pathology being closed for few days has thrown everything on back burner. I,m tired as to be expected but getting there.

I have at last got the cheque for you from Jacqui so please let me know if it,s enough to cover expenses.

Did you all get the terrible storms up your way as Davids brother Stan in Sussex had a bad time with winds. Lost there back fence but not the roof thank goodness. But we see others werent so lucky.

Our area has always been the cool side of Australia and they say we are now getting warmer so hopefully not to much as we don't like the extreme heat like they get in Queensland and top end.

Well this is all for now this is the first letter I,ve written since I,ve come home and pretty sore. Never mind have to start somewhere I,m not a quitter. A Sylvia Gillespie that lives in Cobham is coming in to see about a book for us she,s a lovely lady.

Bye for now take care.

Love from Pat, David and Familys.

HUBERT H RENDELL, RIPLEY POLICE SERGEANT 1922/3.

One Saturday morning in January a visitor, Robin Rendell of the Bedfont History Society, brought in for us to look through 53 foolscap diaries kept by his uncle Hubert H Rendell. They cover the years 1903 when he was already a constable in the Addlestone area to 1955, some years after his retirement. He spent his whole career at various Police Stations in Surrey, including some eight months as a sergeant at Ripley in 1922/23. It went roughly as follows, I having made detailed notes only of the periods when there were local references:

1903 Began in the Addlestone area near the family home at Row Town
 1906 Moved to West Clandon
 1907 To Ockham
 November 1908 To Woking.
 1913 to Brookwood on day duty
 By 1922 at Frensham
 1922/23 Sergeant at Ripley
 April 1923 to Woking on promotion to Inspector
 Later to Reigate where he spent a large part of his career and lived in retirement.

Accompanying the diaries are numerous photographs and a number of other documents including birth and marriage certificates. I have had copies made of four of the photographs showing different stages in his life, and they go to the Society's photo archive. It is Robin Rendell's intention that the documents go subsequently to the Surrey History Centre. This is clearly the right decision, and we are encouraging him in it. The diaries form a fascinating and unusual picture of the life of a Surrey policeman over a long period. Much of it was humdrum, with numerous references to the repair of boots, cleaning and repairing his bicycles which were his main form of transport both professionally and for leisure, especially in the early years, although he was still using a bicycle as late as 1952 when he was probably in his 70s. Much of his time was spent cultivating the gardens at the various police stations, the references to this side of his life probably being greater than any other. It is fascinating to find that the diaries from which he presumably made his official reports contain so much detail of his personal life, his wife and family, their illnesses and activities.

In the early days at Addlestone Rendell entered brief descriptions of people around after midnight, usually people off the train in the early hours and the occasional vehicles passing through at that time, including cyclists. He recorded cycle trips to places as far away as Liss and Banbury. The following is a quote from this period:

1906.

On 27th October Rendell removed to West Clandon. A selection of entries follows:

<i>Mon 5th November.</i>	<i>Cycle to Send Hill House in evening</i>
<i>21st November.</i>	<i>P (ie proceeded) to Sendhurst Grange.</i>
<i>23rd November.</i>	<i>Lost myself on Downs.</i>
<i>17th December.</i>	<i>Share-out at Bull's Head (West Clandon) (This was clearly the Christmas club)</i>
<i>18th December.</i>	<i>Share-out at Jovial Sailor</i>

29th December Toboganning Newlands 11.30 pm. V snowy roads.
 1907 Memoranda. Straight, Sir Douglas. Riding tricycle upon the footpath fined 5/- at Guildford Petty Sessions on Jan 15th 1907. Constance Harding and Wm Durant same offence date and fine.

1907

1st January. Home from Clandon House at 5.30 am after Special Duty at servants Ball.
 15th January. Miss Baring Gould's wedding.
 14th Feb. Cycled to Pyrford Stone. P to Bowden Lodges (Probably the lodge at Burnt Common to Boughton Hall at Burnt Common cross-roads).
 23rd February. Removed to Ockham.
 Perhaps in preparation for the following entry, Rendell endearingly practises writing his signature in various forms and also usefully writes his address as Vine Cottage, Ockham. He records various trips, doubtless as part of his duties) to the Hautboy, Wisley Hut, etc.
 25th February. Marriage leave.
 9th March. V wet ride to Wisley Common, etc., to carry out a census of gipsies.
 19th April. PC Holdaway Sharp called re robbery at Ripley.
 24th April. Cautioned Mad Harry re cruelty.
 27th April. Lots of gips on Common. Fire at Ockham mill.
 1st May. Ripley Fire Brigade Dinner. Rid in M's car.
 30th June. Mother over on tryke (From Row Town, Addlestone).
 Mon 22 July. Employed at Ripley Fair from 7.30 to 1.15. George or John Jackman injured and taken to hospital
 1st August. Mother came over on tricycle. Had fall near High(?) Bridge. Stopped 1 motor and V(?) Bashall. To Sendhurst Bridge for motoring 3.45 to 1 am
 2nd August. Mother went back home on tricycle. Helped her through Watery Lane.
 5th August/ Brooklands and Sandown Meetings.
 Sat 28 Sept. Shifted gips from Hmwd and squatters from Jury Lane.
 3rd Oct. Mother came over on new tryke for first time. Mended puncture in M's saddle and Dad's tube. (Mother clearly had a pneumatic saddle. A few firms produced these, including Dennis Bros of Guildford. They displayed it at the National Cycle Show of 1897, but ceased cycle manufacture in 1905. It is thus quite possible that this was a Dennis saddle. I have the only known surviving one if anyone is interested).
 4th October. Jovial Sailor broken into.
 26th November. Evry blmn thing went wrong. (Every sympathy. We all have them)
 Knocked hole through wall (? Intentionally, accidentally, or in frustration)
 2nd December. Called out by Mr Strong (?) re Hoppy Dick. Conveyed Hoppy Dick to Gldfd Union (ie the Workhouse)
 5th December. Miss Sprague spoke re footballers from Ripley at the Hautboy.)
 Thurs 12th December. Hounds met at Talbot
 Sun 15th December. Pro to Ripley signalling cars 9.15 to 1.15
 16th December Brght in sevrl loads of manure from road.
 23rd December Trky (turkey) came from Mr Blmg
 25th December Various letters were received. (NB date)
 26th December. Beagles met at Black Swan.
 31st December Cautioned Mstr Noel re football.

1908

- 4th January Tap frozen badly. 19 degrees of frost. Skating on Wisley Lake
 7th January. Saw young toff at Drsly's. Strtd running fast.
 27th January Cycle to Pyrford re sheep stealing. Met Alf Dibble at 1.35 am
 Sat 1st February Disturbance at Hautboy with Ripley footballers at 7.30pm (?)
 4th February Epsom Liz at Haut Boy
 Wed 12th February Football Concert at Ripley
 13th February Motoring at Sendhurst Bdge 11-4.15. Stopped 3 cars.
 21st March Affair re car at Talbot
 Mon 20th April Bank Holiday. Mr Pearse's trap smash. Man drunk on bike. Followed him to Sendhurst Bdge.
 23rd April Heavy fall of snow during night. (NB date)
 25th April Lot of snow fell on and off all day
 26th April Lovely morning. Snow on ground.
 1st May. To Wisley Common. Located gips. Saw John Smithum & Mary Magdalene.
 2nd May. Shifted gips from off road.
 8th May. PC Holding at Wsley re Lepper's spoke and upset mtr trap.

The entries for 22nd to 27th June are in a different hand, possibly that of his wife, Hilda. They cover a week's leave when they cycled up to her relatives at Chalfont St. Giles. While there, inter alia they went haymaking, had tea in cherry orchard and went to Shepherds Bush to visit the Franco British Exhibition, visited Stoke Poges church and Gray's monument.

- 4th July Motor Races at Weybridge
 15th July Ryde House Sports
 26th July Lots of cars about
 27th July 2 Royal cars through
 19th August Special duty at Ripley Foresters Fete
 20th August Pro to Walsham Lock re Goodmans bathing place 4-9.30
 1st October Students rowdy at Ripley
 Sat 24th October Suffragettes meeting. PCs mustered in Woking
 12th November Removed to Woking Police Station
 3rd December Took Black Bess out first time. (This is the first mention of having use of a horse, but Rendell still often cycles on duty. Sometimes rides horse. Sometimes goes in horse-drawn cart. Mentions looking after horses. Comes to Send and Ripley by cart).

1909

- 30th January Ripley poaching affair
 12th February Suffragette meeting
 30th March Prince of Wales travelled through
 1st June Ripley accident inquest at Cobham
 5th July Duchess of Albany opened Railway Orphanage (at Woking)
 PC Rendell and his wife Hilda again took bicycles to Chipping Norton for their holiday.
 10th November Prime Minister came to Broadoaks
 Hereafter Rendell was some time at Brookwood Police Station, then at Farnham.

1922

- 8th May Nightingales were lovely.
 18th September Removed to Ripley P S (By now he was a Police Sergeant)

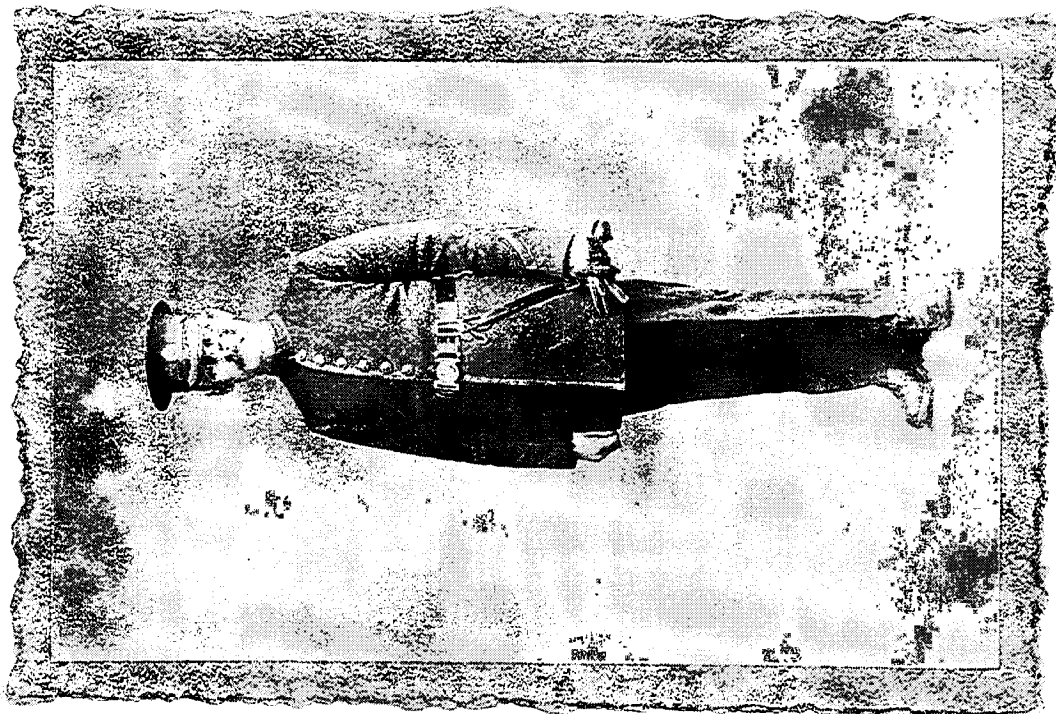
<i>7th October</i>	<i>Tried to stop motor bus but failed. Girl escaped from St Margarets</i>
<i>11th October</i>	<i>Enquiries at Seven Stars re girl absconded from Woking</i>
<i>13th October</i>	<i>Charles Ward left the Jovial Sailor</i>
<i>Sat 14th October</i>	<i>Lovely day. Record crowd at Hut in afternoon. 339 motors passed through in 30 minutes.</i>
<i>19th October.</i>	<i>Steam Foden in ditch at Sandhurst Bridge</i>
<i>27th October</i>	<i>Phoned to St Margarets re Ellen Cross and with PC Mann took her there by motor car in evening</i>
<i>28th October</i>	<i>Turned off water supply in loft through sharp frost</i>
<i>3rd November</i>	<i>Comte Francois de Buisseret 50/- in each case</i>
<i>Sat 4th November</i>	<i>Went to Wisley Hut in motor bike and side car</i>
<i>8th November</i>	<i>Enquiries re Cortis windows in morning and evening duty</i>
<i>11th November.</i>	<i>Order re foot and mouth disease</i>
<i>13th November</i>	<i>Ripley and Send became prohibited area</i>
<i>14th November</i>	<i>Caught Mrs Nash with wood and found horse bad at Mitchell's Farm</i>
<i>15th November</i>	<i>Election Day. Saw Jebbie and Robbie near Send Schools</i>
<i>17th November</i>	<i>Enquiries re running down of Miss Mitchell at Gravel Pit Lane, Send</i>
<i>18th November</i>	<i>Interviewed Mr Morris, gardener, re running down of Miss Mitchell</i>
<i>Sat 2nd December</i>	<i>7 motor cases. 6 at night. Motoring all the evening near Sutton Lodges.</i>
<i>8th December.</i>	<i>Very foggy. Piloted cars through. Accident to Mr Brodrick and another</i>
<i>Sat 9th December.</i>	<i>Sir Philip on re estimating speed, etc. (presumably a lecture on how to estimate car speed). Busy stopping for no lights, etc.</i>
<i>Sun 10th December.</i>	<i>To Sussex Lane shifting gypsies in morning.</i>
<i>12th December.</i>	<i>Measured distances from JS (Jovial Sailor) to Anchor and Anchor to Seven Stars.</i>
<i>13th December</i>	<i>Supt Boshier and magistrates visited Ripley</i>
<i>14th December.</i>	<i>Mr Holt called re accident. Handed over the Strfd Bridge brooch to Litton.</i>
<i>Sat 16th December</i>	<i>Lost boy from Guildford</i>
<i>23rd December</i>	<i>Arrested Amos Baker</i>
<i>25th December</i>	<i>Mr Stanbridge called re kidnapping affair</i>
<i>26th December</i>	<i>Dealt with alleged kidnapping in afternoon duty</i>
1923	
<i>1st January</i>	<i>Byfleet cars racing at Ockham Corner</i>
<i>3rd January</i>	<i>Mackay-Aylesbury frauds at Ripley</i>
<i>10th January</i>	<i>Maltby shot himself. Wireless Concert at Bland's</i>
<i>11th January</i>	<i>To Seven Stars am and pm re dog case</i>
<i>12th January.</i>	<i>Reported no rabies to Sup and Dr Pierce</i>
<i>Sat 13th January</i>	<i>2 cases of fast driving at Ockham Corner. 8.55 and 9.55 pm</i>
<i>14th January</i>	<i>Proceeded to Send Village re rubberoid.</i>
<i>19th January.</i>	<i>Gipsies went through Lamberts Bridge in aft.</i>
<i>Sat 20th January</i>	<i>Motor exceeding speed case 4.50pm. High St., Ripley</i>
<i>23rd January.</i>	<i>Queer at night. Shivered, etc</i>
<i>29th January.</i>	<i>Mr Dibble called re Cinematograph business</i>
<i>Sat 3rd February.</i>	<i>Lovely day. Lots of motors about</i>
<i>Sun 4th February.</i>	<i>Pro to Ripley twice during evening – motor lamping</i>
<i>10th February</i>	<i>Stray sheep dog</i>

<i>12th February.</i>	<i>Baker and Gravestock accident. Boy (Ray?) Wright run over at Ockham</i>
<i>Sat 17th February</i>	<i>Lady Mountbatten and Lt Col Sir Wallrend Sinclair's accident at 6.30 pm</i>
<i>18th February</i>	<i>Pro to Wisley Hut re above</i>
<i>19th February</i>	<i>PC Gaymer sent in app. For summons for Lt Col Reid Glover. Phone going nearly all day re Lady Mountbatten's accident.</i>
<i>23rd February.</i>	<i>Lovely day. Cow dead at Pound Stud Farm. Lodger absconded from Send</i>
<i>Sat 24th February</i>	<i>Motor-stopping. 5 cases. Lights, speed, etc</i>
<i>Friday 2nd March</i>	<i>Road trial from the Anchor. Ealing Motor Club</i>
<i>Sat 3rd March</i>	<i>Surbiton Motor Club Meet at the Talbot</i>
<i>Sun 4th March</i>	<i>Pro to Ripley Station, etc., re Surbiton Motor Club Rally.</i>
<i>5th March</i>	<i>Accident to lorry Co-op and F'bro's car near Jovial 11.15 am</i>
<i>Sat 10th March.</i>	<i>Att Bench. Detected case of lilac stealing in day duty. Sent in gold cigarette case by PC Day</i>
<i>13th March</i>	<i>Att Woking P St and made enquiries re Aliens</i>
<i>16th March</i>	<i>Aliens list</i>
<i>19th March</i>	<i>Employed on motor control. No luck. Attended to case of parasitic mange at Charles Henson's.</i>
<i>20th March.</i>	<i>PC Mayne fell down queer. Employed shifting gipsies from Suss Lane</i>
<i>Sun 25th March.</i>	<i>Pro to Anchor, Manor House, Send, etc., in mrng re Hove motor-bike enquiry</i>
<i>Easter Monday 2nd April.</i>	<i>Glorious day. Traffic very heavy</i>
<i>3rd April.</i>	<i>Lot of traffic through from Sandown, etc</i>
<i>4th April.</i>	<i>Reported footpath case re The Talbot</i>
<i>11th April.</i>	<i>Employed stopping motors at the Kilns</i>
<i>13th April.</i>	<i>Pro to Seven Stars, Ripley & Pyrford re theft of mangolds. Report re sheep scab.</i>
<i>16th April</i>	<i>Miss Perrin reported stray cob at Star Farm, Ripley</i>
<i>19th April</i>	<i>Attended CC's office and promoted Inspector from 26th April.</i>
<i>25th April.</i>	<i>Removed to Woking</i>
<i>27th April.</i>	<i>Done duties for Ripley sub.</i>
<i>30th April</i>	<i>Lady called re dog, also re husband</i>
<i>Mon 11th June.</i>	<i>Motor processions to Ripley, Chobham, Woking Town, etc.</i>
<i>13th June</i>	<i>Procession in aft and evening</i>
<i>31st June</i>	<i>Pro to Send and brt back lino man for hawking without licence</i>
<i>Sat 21st July</i>	<i>To Send and Ockham re visit of Surrey Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Mon 23rd July</i>	<i>Pro to Ripley Fair, etc., in night duty</i>
<i>Wed 8th August</i>	<i>Fatal accident at Sutton Lodges.</i>
<i>19th September</i>	<i>Attempted suicide at Wisley Hut Lake of Leonard Longhurst</i>

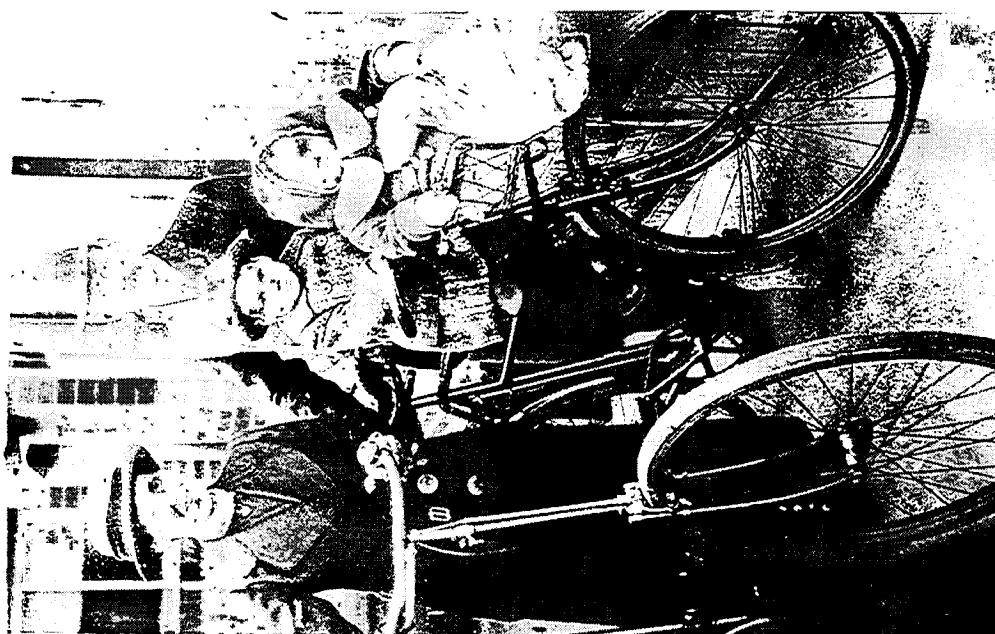
The entries have been selected either because they are of local interest or because they seem to be of general interest. Anybody minded to take it any further is advised to check the original diary entries. Many of the entries merit further research, and many questions are raised, to which it would be interesting to know the answers.

Les Bowerman

17/02/00



Police Surge Hulse Rendell in 1925
P/Sent at Ripley 18/9/22 - 25/4/23



Hulse Rendell, wife Hilda,
Elsie (b 27/6/11), Patricia (b 27/10/13)
Photo taken at Brookwood 26/11/15
P/Sent at Ripley 18/9/22 - 25/4/23



Hulse Rendell
P/Sent at Ripley 18/9/22 - 25/4/23
Photo taken May 1902

LOCAL MEMORIES - HUTCHINSON FAMILY

By Pat Clack

Diane Hutchinson, who lives at 4 Lower Sandfields, Send, told me that her mother, Gladys Hutchinson, used to drive a horse and cart for the dairy which was situated in Tice's yard. The people there at that time were the Streets and Peter Parvin (who lived at the off-licence, later CLM Electricals). He remembers playing with Brian and Rita, the two children. He also recalls seeing Mrs Street wrapping up the 2 oz packs of butter for rations, and you could register with her for milk, eggs and butter, but we don't think they made cheese there.

I also remember the Streets, and they later moved to Poole Road, Woking, when I lost touch with them.

Diane's story is that her father walked from Bishop Auckland in 1932, when the pits closed, because he had no money for fares.

Oddly enough, he lodged at Alberta, Send Barns Lane, which was where we lived before moving into our present house. I was then three years old and we left there in 1928. The landlady was Mrs Strudwick, who was Marjorie Sex's mother.

Gladys started at the dairy in February 1940 (her husband joined the Army on New Year's Eve 1940), and she left in 1942.

Diane's memories are of being woken at 3.30 am every morning (she was four) and being taken, with her older brother, to her grandparents, who lived at 2 Elmsleigh Cottages, Send Barns Lane. This was part of Elmsleigh House and two doors from Alberta. There they would stay till their mum had finished her rounds, which was about 3.30 pm.

Gladys would then go to the dairy - groom the horse - called Ginger - get his tack and feed ready and load up with milk, etc. She left the dairy at 5 am and went up Send Barns Lane, across Burnt Common, Clandon, and to Newlands Corner. Here she would be met by a van which came from Shere with more supplies - fresh crates of milk, etc; then on to East Clandon, Ockham and Ripley, returning at 3.30 pm. She would then pick up the children and take them straight down to the air raid shelter. They lived in Tannery Lane.

The American Army were based on the righthand side of Newlands Corner, andd when the roads were icy, they would get out a tank and the caterpillar would help the horse to get a grip - they would drive in front of her. The cart had covered-in sides, but was open apart from that.

There was another smaller horse, called Blackie, which was driven by Percy Friend (father of Raymond Friend, mentioned in the Bowers' letter from Australia). He came from Streets' dairy. He also recalls Bill Bowers and Mr Clark as dairy workers - Mr Clark used to live in David Porter's house and Ken French thinks the Streets lived in the one next door for a while.

There were several horses stabled at the dairy, including Miss Clark's. She still lives at Boughton Hall Avenue and is aged about 97.

Ken, who has written an article on Jack Keene's dairy, which was at Stoke Hill, later amalgamated with Lee Farm, and he, his brother, Leo, and the whole business were eventually taken over by Unigate.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 9 April - 10 am, Send Marsh Green
Send and Ripley Walkabout.

Thursday, 13 April - 8 pm, Ripley Village Hall
A film by the Circle 8 Film Group. The film is entitled *Guildford, This Is Guildford!*. It covers the period from 5 May 1845, when the newly formed Guildford railway junction opened its branch line to Woking, and it continues up to the present day.

Monday, May 1 - Send Recreation Ground
May Day Fête and Dog Show. It is hoped that the Society will have a book stall at this event.

June
It is hoped to arrange a visit to Polesden Lacey, to follow on from the talk given on 9 March - details to follow.

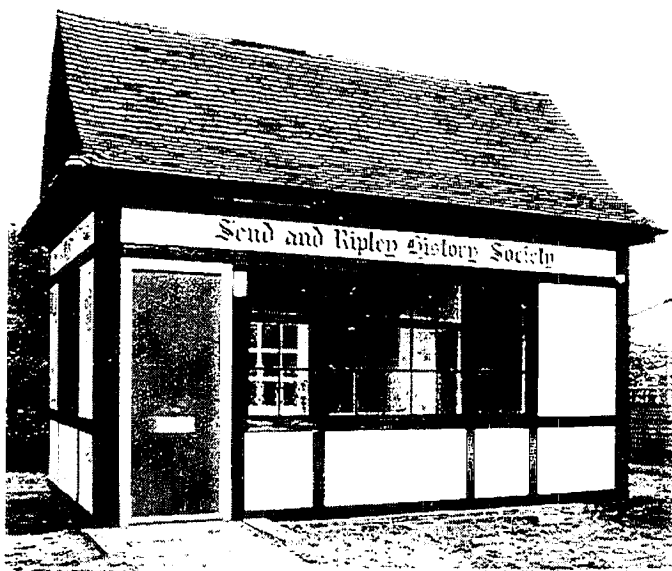
July
A visit to Tilford Rural Life Centre - details to follow.

Thursday, 14 September - 8 pm, Ripley Village Hall
A talk by Joan Mant and friend on the Suffragette Movement.

Thursday, 16 November - 8 pm, Send Church Room
A talk by Linda Hall on English Vernacular Buildings.

Journal Contributions

The closing date for contributions to the next Journal is Friday, 14 April



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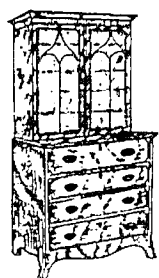
Other times for school groups and small parties
by arrangement.

*Please contact George or Irene Bleach on 01483 222233 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
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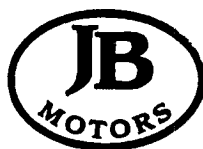
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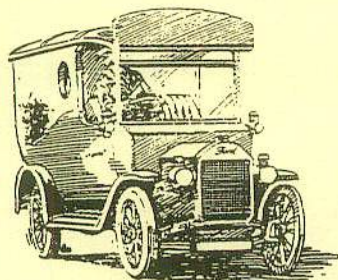
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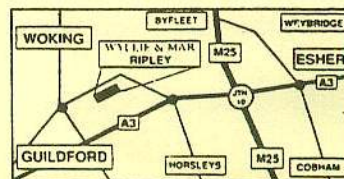
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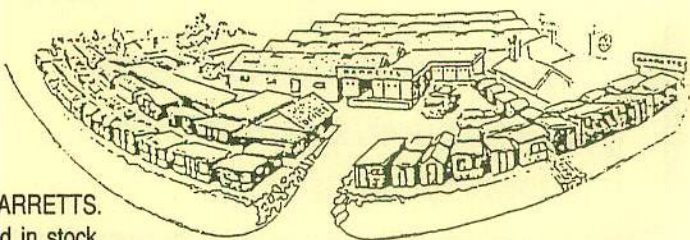
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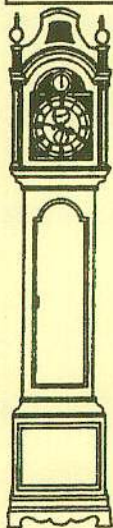


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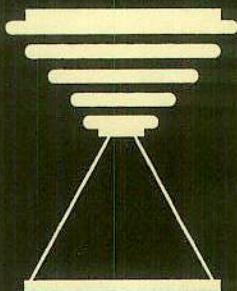
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