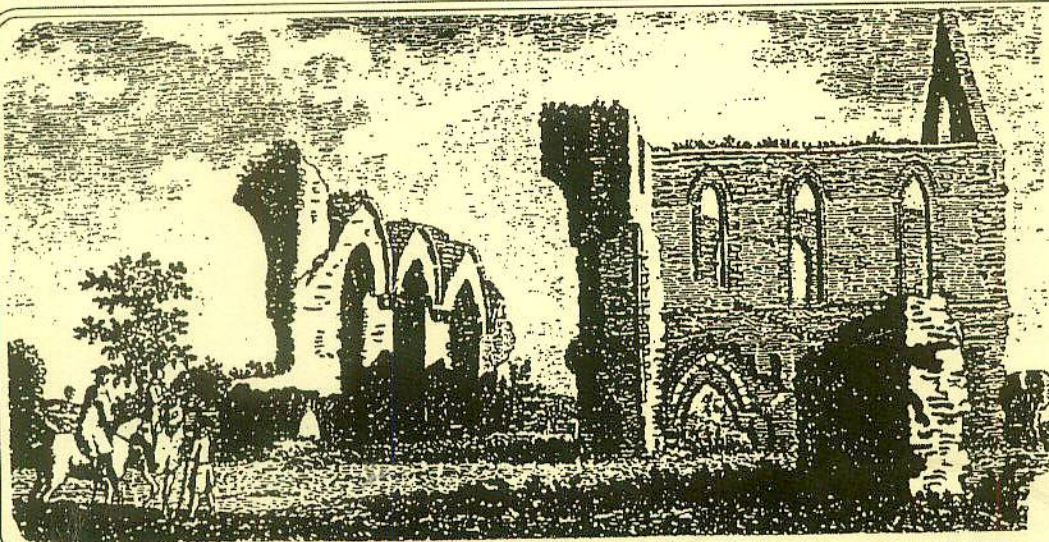


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Erratum:

In journal 165 page3, the authors name of **The Baratarians** article was inadvertently omitted; the editor's sincere apologies to **Jane Bartlett**.

Cover illustration: A postcard of The Clocke House Hotel with handwritten date on the back 'Dec 17-18 1930', see articles on pages 2 and 14.

Editors Comment

When this issue of the journal reaches you summer will be behind us and we can look forward to the delights of autumn, which may mean different things to us all, but to this society it means of course consolidating the rest of this years programme and planning for 2003, much of which has already been done. As far as the journal itself is concerned a review of the advertising pages starts in the autumn with additions or subtractions catered for in the page layouts. Due to the closure of Colborne's, the Volkswagen garage, there will most probably be a vacant advertising space available on the inside back page; contact the editor if you would like to fill it, or just take part of the space!

Of course change is inevitable and occurs all the time in our two villages and it is important whenever possible to record these changes when they happen so they can be recorded and when appropriate commented upon. There will be an article on Colborne's garage, as well as the demolition of the old corner shop/bakery at the end of Potters Lane in the near future. Thanks to Catherine Davey (nee Giles), this current issue contains a very informative article on the drainage, or lack of it, from the lakes behind the Doctors Surgery and Send Close, etc. This is all the 'stuff' of which local history is made, keep it coming!

Michels Restaurant Clock

Late last year, Michels changed hands. The name is unchanged since the new owner is Michel Albina who was already a Ripley resident. Although the restaurant itself is unchanged, it has been nice to see the re-appearance of the clock over the front entrance. It had been taken down at some time, in need of repair it seems, and was found in a storeroom in a sorry state. Mr Albino assisted by Gerald Chandler took the trouble to repair and restore the clock and re-instate it in the original position. I was intrigued by the name of the maker on the face, R W Still, clockmaker, SEND. Never having heard of this gentleman before, I thought it would be nice to find out more. I decided to seek help from David Rose at the Surrey Advertiser and he kindly inserted a paragraph in his 'From The Archives' feature. As a result, I had half a dozen phone calls from various people who knew him and from his parents who live in Woking. Roger Still, who worked mostly as a clock restorer and repairer, used to live at Poplar Cottages in Sandy Lane in Send. He left there, it seems, in 1988 and is now a lecturer in Horology at West Dean College in Singleton. I was able to speak with him and learned that the clock was probably originally made around 1950 so it was not as old as I had hoped! He told me that it was a Smiths electric double-faced clock and that he only repaired and restored it. This would have been around 1980 when he was doing some work for Anthony Welling next door to The Clockhouse as it was then known. Part of the deal was that Roger would put his name on the finished article. This story is not particularly historical at present, but I think it is important as being of sufficient local interest to be recorded.



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John Slatford

The Clocke House, Ripley

We don't seem to have written up the Clocke House as such. The only reference with any detail at all seems to be in the Send and Ripley History Society publication, 'Then & Now' which describes it as... 'another fine Georgian building in the High Street'. From 1840 until 1918 it was a doctor's residence, firstly that of John King Eager and after 1874, of Joseph Harvey Sutcliffe, in whose time it was known as Fairfield House.

The original Memorandum of Sale (owned by SRHS) records that on 17 July 1928 it was sold by Guy Cleveland Onslow to Mrs Edmund Heliess Harrison of Herne Hill. At that time it was described as Fairfield House. Details of the rooms are given but not much else, except a reference to the Fine Old Brew House 50 feet by 18 feet. The postcard recently acquired by the editor and shown on the front page has a date written on the reverse, Dec 17 - 18, 1930. The Clocke House, has, over the years lost its 'e', but at least it now has its clock back

Les Bowermam

See back page for a copy of The Clocke House tariff-card (circa 1928), from the editor's postcard collection; the owner appears to be using her own initials Mrs L M Harrison? Editor.

Send Lakes Flooding – Winter 2000/2001

By Catherine Davey

Introduction

Send Lakes lie in an area between Send Road and Potters Lane. They consist of 4 lakes covering an area of approximately 12 hectares (30 acres). During the period of heavy rain in October and November 2000 the level of the water in the Lakes rose by some two feet above its normal winter high. As the very wet weather continued through December 2001 the water level continued to rise and flooded the rear gardens of several houses in Potters Lane and Send Road, eventually reaching the rear doorways of several houses in Send Road. Houses in Potters Lane, which are built on higher ground, were never at risk.

I was away on holiday in India in December and returned home after Christmas to find that (with the consent of my cousin who was house sitting for me) Guildford Borough Council had installed a 6-inch diesel pump in the garden at Water's Edge in Potters Lane to lower the water level by pumping water out of the lowest lake into the River Wey. The pump was run every weekday for 4 months during daylight hours. This saved numerous houses in Send Road from flooding. The water level rose quickly whenever the pump was switched off.

The crisis of the winter of 2000/2001 necessitated 4 months pumping.

Historical Background

Following examination of maps, historic documents and anecdotal evidence from older residents it has been possible to uncover the story behind the rise in the level of the lakes over recent years.

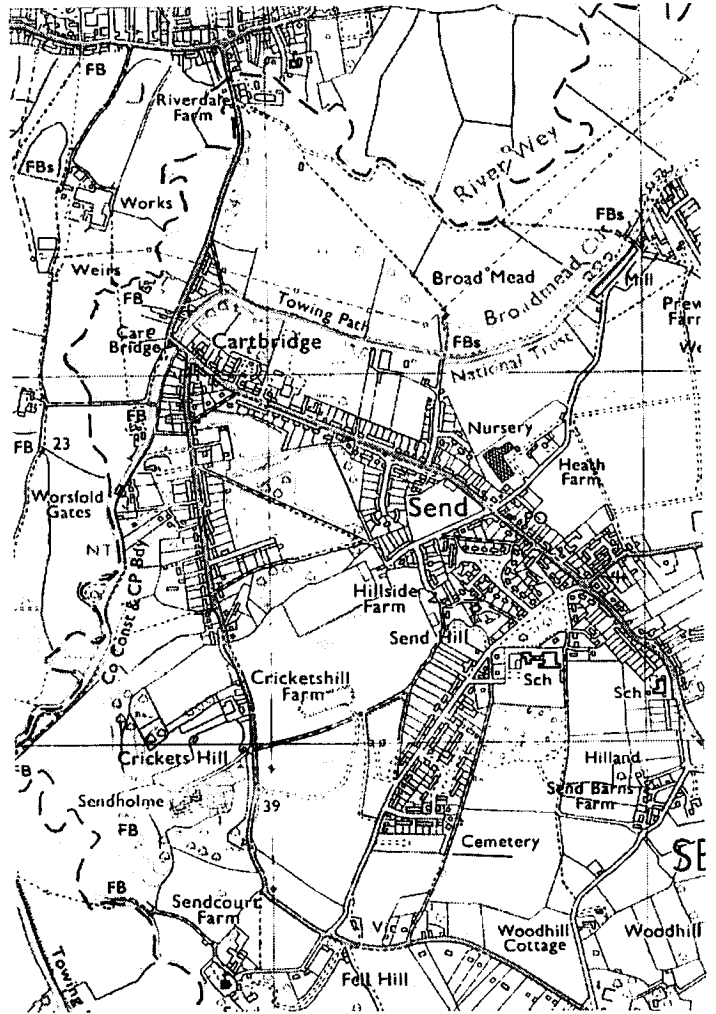
The lakes are former sand and gravel pits, which (with the exception of a smaller site near Waters Edge dug by hand prior to the First World War) were excavated between 1920 and 1959 as detailed in Parts II and III of Les Bowerman's six-part series of articles on local mineral extraction (SRHS Newsletters 36 & 41 in 1981). At one time there were at least 3 drainage ditches running from the lakes, which ran in a northerly direction towards the River Wey. These outfalls were in existence up until the start of the Second World War. During the period between the end of the Second World War and now, all three have disappeared.

Guildford Borough Council's Engineers deduced that one of the reasons behind their loss might be related to the fact that in the past the lakes had always been low. As a result no one in living memory would have seen the overflow ditches working. It follows that over a period of 40 years it is likely that dry ditches would become overgrown and eroded and naturally disappear.

However, there appears to have been a degree of human intervention that has led to the loss of the ditches. The first lost outlet that was traced was where 183 Send Road now stands. It was reported that the ditch down the side of this property was filled with tree trunks during the Second World War. A garage was later built on the side of this property on the line of the former ditch and later converted to living accommodation. Former members, David and Gloria Henson, who lived there for some years, experienced difficulties over this, until it was eventually resolved.

The second lost outlet was traced across the plot now occupied by 171 Send Road. This lakeside infill development closed off the connection between the lake and the River that was thought to run under Send Road. From there it went into an existing watercourse and down the side of a property that was demolished to make way for the construction of the road now known as Sanger Drive. From there the water flowed down the side of the Scout Hut, under the Canal and then to the River.

The third lost outlet to be traced was in the Send Close area. Prior to the development of Send Close, and before the 1969 drainage "improvement" works to Send Recreation Ground, there used to be a ditch running from the corner of the lake nearest Hillside Farm to Send Road. When 'phase 1' of Send Close was developed in the mid



'60s this ditch was diverted. When 'phase 2' of this development was undertaken the ditch was again diverted to run across the bottom of the gardens of 21 to 17 Send Close to discharge into the Send Recreation Ground ditch. However, when works were undertaken to pipe the ditch around the Recreation Ground in 1969, it would seem that this vital connection was cut.

Following the drainage works in the Recreation Ground in the late 1960s a number of problems developed in the following years. Firstly there was a series of problems with the highway drainage in Send Close. Surrey County Council apparently constructed very large soak-aways to cope with the highway drainage in Send Close. These proved ineffective and were later replaced by a connection through the garden of number 13 directly into the piped watercourse, which had replaced the old ditch system around the Recreation Ground. About this time the ditch at the back of 21 to 17 Send Close was filled in! However the natural flow of water across this site continued and the gardens of these houses became very wet. Following representations from a local Councillor who lived in Send Close, a relief pipe was provided which drained the gardens into the lake. Whilst this system worked with the lakes at their low level (from the mid '60s to the early '90s), once the lake levels started to rise this system could no longer function, and the garden water levels became directly connected to those of the lakes. Guildford Borough Council Engineer's Report states that the bottom of these gardens in Send Close is now continually saturated as a consequence of the rise in the Lake levels.

Associated with these lost outlets there are two further contributing factors:

Firstly, the ditch at the bottom of the gardens of Send Close was at one time connected to a field system from the Hillside Farm area. This system discharged to a small pond and then it is thought this discharged into the Send Close ditch, then via this system into the River. Because this connection is now lost, and the pond has been overgrown and neglected, this area is under great stress and continually saturated. The public footpath between Potters Lane and Sandy Lane has been flooded and closed for over a year.

Secondly, the excavation and capping of the Hall's Sand Pit at Cricket Hill and latterly the establishment of a lake on Crickets Hill, in the upper area of the catchment, has had a significant effect on the run-off characteristics of the area where fields, which have never been waterlogged before, are now receiving water from Crickets Hill. This water contributed significantly to the rise in water levels in the lakes during winter 2000/2001. The condition is further aggravated by the discharge from two highway drains into the lowest lake. One runs from Send Road under the newer houses (now on what was Mr Hesters old site) and the other from Potters Lane under the fishermen's car park.

Woking and District Angling Association owns the lakes. In autumn/winter 2000/2001 the lakes were overwhelmed by the water that had been discharged into them by the surrounding area predominantly from the countryside to the south of the area. The natural ground water level determines the level of the lakes. During a normal winter this means that the level of the lakes rise some 2 feet in the winter. This in the normal course of events rarely causes any problems. However, over winter 2000/2001 the run-off from farmland was of an extraordinary volume that overwhelmed the natural mechanism of the lakes. Until December 2000, gardens in Potters Lane had not flooded since the severe floods of 1962. Significantly those gardens did not flood during the floods of September 1968 when the River Wey Navigation burst its banks in the village.

Because the lakes have no outfall they do not come under the normal rules of land drainage. The water flowing off the fields to the south of the area flooded public footpaths, overwhelmed the lakes and threatened houses in Send Road.

Update

Following last year's emergency pumping operation to avoid flooding to properties, Guildford Borough Council authorised an investigation into the cause and solution of the problem.

From the outset it was clear that any solution that was to be satisfactory, was going to be of a long-term nature and that contingency action would have to be taken to avoid re-occurrence this winter. The water table is still high and the water level in the lowest lake did not drop significantly during the summer months of 2001. It is also apparent that the heavy intense local storms that were a feature of last year's weather are being repeated. The long-term forecast indicated another very wet winter.

In considering plans for the future, Guildford Borough Council felt that a diesel pump was not an ideal pump to use again, in this residential area. Last year it was not possible to use an alternative; but because of the noise of the pump it was not possible to run it at night or at weekends when I was at home.

The Role of Guildford Borough Council

Guildford Borough Council is the land drainage authority and Emergency Authority for the area. Its action last year in placing the diesel pump in my garden, and the neighbours who assisted Council officers by stopping and starting the pump, successfully protected some 10 or more houses in Send Road from flooding.

All weather predictions indicate that future winters will be wetter.

With the immediate danger removed the question remains what will happen in the future and what can be done to avoid recurrence?

By way of an update from Guildford Borough Council engineers;

The drainage system around the recreation ground was found to be defunct and was replaced in December 2001. The lost road drainage outfall from Sandy Lane (near junction with Farm Lane) was found and restored at the same time so that Sandy Lane no longer floods. Works were then undertaken in the old pond area in conjunction with Woking and District Angling Association. They allowed the path to drain into their lakes and enabled the public footpath to be reopened. Surrey CC Rights of Way contributed to the costs of this part of the work.

The system was found to drain down Wharf Lane and not Sanger Drive. The system downstream was checked and found to be in good condition. Consents were received from residents in Send Close to reinstate the Land Drainage link through their gardens and these works are now in progress. This will link to the new Recreation Ground system and eventually to the River Wey and it is anticipated to be completed mid-July.

This will intercept a great deal of the run-off water before it gets into the lakes. Hopefully this will control the level of the lakes. It should no longer be necessary to pump during the wetter weather. It will also help dry out the very wet gardens in the Send Close area.

Finally the problem of drainage in Sanger Drive was traced to a pipe damaged near the new Scout Hut septic pipe. This was repaired in April this year. The system was tidied up, and new inspection chambers and ditches provided. As it was not clear who the riparian owner was the Borough undertook all this work on a without prejudice basis. It will continue to maintain this system and the Send Lakes system to ensure, that, the flooding risk is reduced by good management.

Conclusion

With the exceptional rainfall we have experienced since the pump was switched off at the end of April this year, the level of the lowest lake is high for this time of year.

It is clear that there is a serious problem in respect of land drainage in and around Send caused in large part by the obstruction and infill of the ditches that used to criss-cross the village. The proposed restoration of one overflow link will relieve many of the problems of excess water but by no means all. Careful consideration to effects on drainage and lake levels of future development proposals must be given to ensure that it does not increase Lake levels by altering existing run off patterns or by further blocking or obstructing the village 's land drainage system.

If increased levels of precipitation continue, in future years' further works may well be necessary to restore the other lost overflows.

Catherine's aunt, Rene Whiting, has added the following observations. Rene is 87 and has lived in the village most of her life and will be well known to many members of the Society; editor.

'Ditches in Sandy Lane

When I was a girl we used to go along the Briar Road footpath and collect frogs spawn. I'm talking about eighty years ago. I remember there used to be a pond in Hillside Farm, which ran into that ditch and it used to run along the side of the sandpit, up into Sandy Lane, running under the pathway of Sandy Lane, at the back of the Sandy Lane houses. It then used to edge the recreation ground on the left hand side and from there go straight from the recreation ground, under the road and in and under house number 75, out into the back in what was called Secret's Field and there it ran into the canal'.

'Ditches in Send Road

When I was a child there used to be a huge ditch running down the left hand side of Send Road on the Send Close side down as far as the village hall. It went under the road again and came out at the side of the houses known as Send Laundry (now Vision Engineering); it used to go through Spooner's Field and out into the canal at the back'.

After word

Does any one else remember the long hard winter of 1962-3 when the Lakes froze over? The ice was a good 12"-15" thick and once Reg. Giles and Rory Bell had satisfied themselves it was safe (Reg. went out on to the ice roped to Rory - in case of accident - and dug a hole in the ice) the Giles and Bell children from Water's Edge and The Belfry, Potters Lane, and our friends spent every available opportunity on home-made sledges on the "Cresta run" which we constructed down the LH flank slope of the lake bank. It got very icy and fast. You could hit the bank on the opposite side and spin for ages on a good run! Rails were screwed to our Wellington boots (Reg. and Rory were nothing if not inventive) and we skated badly but enthusiastically. Other children got out on the lake from the Potters lane/Sandy Lane footpath and cycled and skated on it.

Sadly, it came to an end as the thaw set in and the ice began creaking and groaning when we were on it, and quite rightly, deemed unsafe by our fathers!

Chairman's comment

The winter of 1962-3, which extended from freezing fogs in November to an eventual thaw in mid-March, is deeply etched on my mind as I was cycling to work from Jacobs Well to Shepherd's Bush at the time, and I rode a tricycle to avoid the risk of falling on icy roads. Les Bowerman.

Museum Stewards

Mary and John Campbell advise that there are just four vacancies on the Stewards Rota, to cover the weekly Saturday morning duty and the monthly Sunday duty. Two more volunteers are urgently required on each list to bring the register up to strength. Stewards are called only once every 4/5 months on each list, and there is flexibility in the event of the need to change a date due to unforeseen circumstances. Most volunteers enjoy the period spent in the museum, it can be very pleasant and interesting and even, on occasions, hectic. The rota is arranged so that there are two persons in the museum at all times. For further information please contact May or John on 01483 223625.

Links of the Tickner Family of Westfield and the Grover Family of Sutton Green with Send and Ripley in the 19th Century

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In the 19th Century links with neighbouring parishes were often significant. This article looks at the family links with Send and Ripley of two families mainly residing in the neighbouring settlements of Westfield and Sutton Green.

William TICKNER (c.1798-1847) was an Agricultural Labourer. His origins have still not been clearly established. There is a possibility that he was the William TICKNER, born on January 15, 1799, and baptised in Send on January 27, 1799, apparently the only son of William and Elizabeth TICKNER. A William TICKNER had had a daughter, Mary, born on August 20, 1787 and baptised in Send on September 26, 1787, but she was buried in Send on December 11, 1804, aged 17. William and Elizabeth also had the following daughters (all baptised in Send): Jane (born 23-3-1794; bpt. 6-4-1794; buried in Send on 8-6-1794, aged 9 months), Frances (Fanny) (born 6-3-1794; bpt. 20-3-1796) and Lucey (born 11-7-1803; bpt. 24-7-1803). William and Elizabeth do not appear to have lived in Send before 1787. A William TICKNER (maybe the father) was buried in Send on December 12, 1809, aged 67 (i.e. born in the year ending December 12, 1742). This seems rather strange, however, because such an elderly William would have been having his children primarily in his fifties. It is not known what happened to the family after that. Nor is it known from whence they came, but the only suitable marriage of a William TICKNER to an Elizabeth that has so far been found is that of William TICKNER, bachelor, and Elizabeth JEALL, spinster, who were married by banns in Shalford, Surrey on June 20, 1785, with Jos. CALLOW and Fra. WHITBOURN as witnesses. Elizabeth does not appear to have been born in Shalford, however, and there was a JEALL/JEALE/GEALE family of blacksmiths in Ripley in the 18th century, although to date no links have been established.

William TICKNER (c.1798-1847) married Mary GROVER (1797-1889) of Sutton Green in Woking on October 19, 1822, and they apparently lived in Westfield for most of their married life, probably in a cottage at the junction of New Lane and Robin Hood Lane in southern Westfield, very near to Lower Westfield Farm, and at the southern end of Westfield Common.

Mary's father, James GROVER (c.1765-1855), Labourer (and later Gardener), who originally lived in Burpham, moved to Sutton Green between April 1795 and August 1797, and lived there for the rest of his life. When he made his Will on November 27, 1854, he also owned 2 Cottages ("Furhills Cottages") in Send, that were to be sold at his death. He died on April 29, 1855, aged 90. These thatched freehold cottages (both now demolished), with buildings, gardens and lands (about two acres), later known as "Heath Cottages" (see Send & Ripley History Society Newsletters 20-22) were in Send Heath, just north-east of Cartbridge, by the River Wey Navigation (Allotment No.949 in the 1815 Send and Ripley Enclosure Award), and had been purchased by James GROVER on September 22, 1817. They were eventually sold in September 1868, when the land was occupied by Daniel MASSINGHAM and Abraham TICKNER (see below). These properties were sold to Frederick REDMAN, Yeoman of Linchmere, Sussex, who had married Lucy GROVER (b. 182?), one of the daughters of James's eldest son, James GROVER (1792-pre 1861), who later lived in the hamlet of Littleton in St. Nicholas parish, Guildford.

James's youngest son, Uriah GROVER (c.1809-1890), Carpenter of Poyle Hill (near Mayford), and later, Sutton Green, had one daughter, Emma, who was recorded in Send Grove in the 1871 Census, and who was married in Send in 1876 to George CHARMAN (c.1855-pre-1901), papermaker, who lived at Cartbridge, Send.

Abraham m. 1807 Sarah
 others) **GROVER** Send **REED**
 (c1783-1859) | (c1788-1864)
Labourer of Send



Uriah's daughter, Eliza (c.1851-pre 1901) married Alfred PINK (c.1850-post 1901) (born in Ripley), and they were living with Uriah in the 1881 Census in Sutton Green, and subsequently appear to have lived in Westfield. Another

grand-daughter of James GROVER (the father), Martha, married a James MANDEVILLE. It is unclear whether this was the James MANDEVILLE (1829-1912) (born in Ripley), son of William MANDEVILLE (1799-1879), the latter living in 1861 near to Abraham GROVER (c.1783-1859) and his wife, Sarah (c.1782-1864) (this Abraham probably being a brother of James GROVER) in Send, or whether it was the James MANDEVILLE (1806-1889) (brother of William MANDEVILLE given above), who had married Ann PANTLIN in 1832, and who was recorded in Ripley High Street in the 1841-1861 Censuses (Send & Ripley History Society Newsletter, No.80, May/June 1988).

Abraham GROVER (c.1783-1859) was a tenant of Sergeant ONSLOW over the 1808-1815 period, according to the Send & Ripley Tax Returns. This Abraham married Sarah REED (c.1788-1864), spinster, in Send and Ripley on January 27, 1807. Abraham GROVER was buried in Send on February 15, 1859, aged 84! In the 1861 Census, his widow, Sarah, aged 74, was recorded at Send Wharf, with Eliza COLLIER, her unmarried grand-daughter, aged 26, the latter being recorded as a "Rag Cutter at Papermill", born in Send. Sarah GROVER was buried in Send on December 26, 1864, aged 76. Abraham and Sarah had a daughter, Coyby GROVER (1809-post 1861) who married William COLLYER (both given as of Send) in Send on May 26, 1827.

Abraham and Sarah also had a son, Henry GROVER (1813-1835), Labourer, who married Mercy BAILEY (d. 1841) in Send on February 7, 1833, and they had a daughter, Emma (1833-post 1841), but Henry died, and was buried in Send on July 24, 1835, aged 23. Mercy subsequently married Francis STEER (born in Send) in Pirbright in 1839, and they had a son, Henry STEER (1840-41), who was both baptised and buried in Send. Mercy was buried in Send on July 11, 1841. Francis STEER, widower, and agricultural labourer, was recorded in the 1851 Census as a lodger in the household of Abraham and Sarah GROVER, but he married Ann WOODGER in Send on May 10, 1851, and they had issue.

These GROVER family connections with Send and Ripley, were also extended to some of the TICKNER family. William and Mary TICKNER had 10 children, most of whom continued to live in Westfield or Sutton Green, or else moved right away. However, their fifth child, Abraham TICKNER, Agricultural Labourer (c.1829-1905), married Sarah STEER (c.1820-post 1881) of Sutton, in Ripley on June 17, 1849. Sarah was a daughter of John STEER, Agricultural Labourer (c.1788-post 1861) and his wife, Ann (nee BARLOW) (died pre-1861), who were recorded as living in Ripley in the 1841 Census. The STEER/STEERE family had been well-established in the Send and West Clandon area since the 17th Century.

The first child of Abraham and Sarah TICKNER, Mary Sophia, was born before July 1849, apparently in Woking parish, but their 7 other children: Anne (b.c. 1851), Martha (b.c. 1855), Catherine (b.c. 1858), Fanny (b.1860), Abraham James (c.1863-1949), Stephen (1865-1932) and William George (b.1868), were all born in Send. In the 1851 Census Abraham and Sarah were recorded in Send Heath, Send in the 1861 Census, and then at Send Barn Cottage, Send in the 1871 Census. Throughout this period Abraham was referred to as an Agricultural Labourer, but according to the 1881 Census, Abraham was recorded at Send Barns Farm (340 acres) (the largest farm in Send) as the Bailiff. James KEEMAN from Suffolk had been recorded as the farmer of Send Barns Farm in the 1851, 1861 and 1871 Censuses, but in the 1881 Census he was given as a "Road Surveyor". Besides his wife, the others in Abraham's household in 1881 were his children: Martha, Abraham, Stephen and George, as well as his mother, Mary WEBB, aged 83 (see below).

Strangely, after 1881 Abraham and his family seem to disappear from the Send and Ripley records, until Abraham's burial was recorded in Ripley on June 16, 1905, with him given in the parochial registers as "Abraham Tickner at Brookwood Asylum, aged 75". He had been admitted to Brookwood Asylum on December 10, 1904, described as "severely demented". In his son, Stephen's marriage certificate in July 1897, Abraham was only described as a "Labourer". Where had the family gone? Abraham (the son) married in Brentford, Middlesex in 1895, and Stephen married in Cranleigh in 1897. The only one of their children who seems to have stayed in the area was their daughter, Anne, who married George SMITHERS (1843-pre 1901), Carpenter of Send, son of James SMITHERS (b.1819), Gardener of Send, in Ripley on August 30, 1873. In the 1881 Census, George SMITHERS (37), born in Send, Carpenter and Joiner, was recorded in Send Heath, with his wife, Ann (29), and their children (all born in Send): Sarah A. (6), Catherine (4), Fanny Elizabeth (2) and George (11 months). George had died by the time of the 1901 Census, when Anne was recorded in Wharf Lane, Send as a widow and Laundress, with her children (all born in Send): Fanny (22) Laundress, George (20) Laundry Carman, Charles (18) Under Carter, Martha (18) Laundress, and Caroline (15) Laundress.

Of the other children of William and Mary TICKNER, only their ninth child, Thomas TICKNER (c.1837-1920) seems to have been associated in later life with Send. was pensioned out on November 29, 1870.

In the 1871 Census he was recorded in Westfield, but in the 1881 Census he was recorded in Send Heath, with his wife, Mary Jane (c.1849-1908), who was born in Exmouth, Devon, with Thomas given as "Labourer at Saunery". They do not appear to have had any children. In the 1891 Census they were recorded in Tucker's Cottages, Send, with Thomas recorded as a "Farmer's Labourer", aged 54, and in the 1901 Census they were both still there in Send, recorded at "The Forge", Thomas as a "Tannery Labourer", aged 64, with his nephew's wife, Ellen TICKNER (born in Devon), from Eastbourne, Sussex, staying with them at the time. Mary Jane died in 1908, and was buried in Send in June 1908, still recorded as being at Send Forge. Thomas was still in Send on June 1, 1909, when he made his Will, described as Thomas TICKNER Senior of Caversham Cottage, Send. The Executor of the Will was Clarence Henry SEX of "The Forge", Send. Thomas made bequests to Eleanor SEX of "The Forge", and to Arthur Ernest SEX and Ronald Clarence SEX, both of Send. Thomas lived in the Chelsea Pensioner's Home, London from September 1, 1910, dying there on April 24, 1920.

William TICKNER (c.1798-1847) died on February 14, 1847, aged 49 (annoyingly before the 1851 Census that would have probably confirmed his place of birth). In the 1851 Census, his widow, Mary (nee GROVER), with several children still at home, was recorded as receiving Parish Relief. On April 17, 1852, however, she married James WEBB (c.1793/5-1861), widower, Paper-maker of Woking. In the 1851 Census, James WEBB had been recorded as aged 58, "paper-maker (engine man)", born in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. He worked in Bayley's Mill, and was living in Woking at that time. James WEBB would appear to have moved to the area in 1840 when Henry Virtue Bayley & Co. took over Woking flour mill, and converted it into a paper mill, producing paper from rags. In the 1841 Census, however, James WEBB had been recorded with his first wife and children in Send Grove. It looks as if James and Mary (nee GROVER) may have moved to live in Send Grove after 1852, but James WEBB died, and was buried in Send on January 31, 1861, aged 66.

James WEBB's eldest son by his first marriage, John WEBB (c.1826-post 1901) had married Rhoda STEVENS in Woking in 1846. Their son, Thomas (b.c.1848) was born in Send, and their first two children were baptised there in June 1848, but then they seem to have lived in Kingfield, only moving from Kingfield to Send between 1854 and 1859, after which time all their other children were born in Send. By 1865, John WEBB had become a grocer in Send. In the 1881 Census he was recorded at the Post Office, Cartbridge, with his family. In the 1891 Census he was given as a widower in Cartbridge, and in the 1901 Census, he was described as a "Baker" and a Retired Grocer, aged 74, living in "Hughenden", near Cartbridge, Send with his unmarried daughters: Rhoda and Emily, who were still living there in 1915.

John WEBB (1859-1929), the son of John WEBB (c.1826-post 1901), was recorded at Hughenden, Cartbridge, in the 1891 Census with his family, John described as a "grocer", with his wife, Bertha F. WEBB (25) (born in Ripley) and their children (all born in Send): Hilda, Constance R. and Reginald J. The grocer's shop was opposite the New Inn, Cartbridge, going up Potter's Lane, and the bakery (no longer there) was next to the shop. In the 1901 Census, John and Bertha were still recorded as grocers in Cartbridge, with their children: Hilda M. (13), Constance R. (12), Reginald Jack (10), Harold Frank (2) and Arthur Percy (1). His brother, William WEBB (47) was also in the household, given as a "grocer". In 1899 they were known as W & J WEBB, Bakers, Grocers and Provision Dealers. After John WEBB's death in 1929, this business was run until 1937 by his youngest son, Arthur Percy, who had married a Gladys Mildred (maiden name unknown), they having 9 children.

Twice-widowed Mary WEBB (formerly TICKNER; nee GROVER) seems to have returned to Westfield to live with her son, Thomas and his wife by the time of the 1871 Census, but by the time of the 1881 Census, Mary was living in her son, Abraham's household (see above). She died in Send on May 5, 1889, aged 91.

Clearly, there were a number of family links with Send and Ripley, but a number of loose ends. If anyone has information on the characters and families mentioned above, or the properties with which they were associated, such information would be appreciated.

James Reuben Turner

James was born on 27th September 1917 in North Kensington where he grew up. As a child he went on holidays to Buckinghamshire through a Country Holidays scheme and kept in touch with the people he stayed with for many years afterwards. From these early years he developed a great love of the countryside and maintained a special interest in the Country Holiday Organisation, which arranged holidays for town children.

He won a scholarship to the Regent Street Polytechnic, studying Quantity Surveying and obtained Chartered status working for a large London firm where he subsequently became a Partner.

It was through his professional work that he met Peggy whom he married and they had one daughter Anne, who died aged 39.

They had moved to White Hatch, a delightful cottage in Potters Lane Send in 1960, he becoming, like many others, a commuter to London on a daily basis. He loved gardening, so whenever possible much of his spare time

was spent tending his large garden and this he continued right up until he became ill. A quiet, thoughtful man, his interests in the community included, membership of Send & Ripley History Society which he had joined almost from its formation in 1975 and the church of St Mary The Virgin Send, for which, he was, at various times; Churchwarden, Sides-person, and Secretary to St Mary's, PCC. One of his many duties was as clerk for the administration of the Dame Ann Haynes charity.

After James retired he and Peggy continued to live at White Hatch and he could often be seen about the village with a ready smile and friendly word to his friends and all he should chance to meet. He died in The Royal Surrey Hospital Guildford on the 1st July 2002 aged 84, after a short illness.

The Rev Tony Shut delivered a very moving tribute at the memorial service held at St Mary's church Send, on the 10th July, which was well attended by his widow, family, friends and well-wishers. This was followed by cremation at Woking Crematorium. James it was a pleasure to have known you – a real gentleman! You will be sadly missed!

Jean Turner

The Samuelson mausoleum at Hatchford

Some follow-up comments from Alan Baker

Reporting in Journal No.165 on the May visit to Chatley Heath, Clare McCann referred to the outing's second objective - the nearby Samuelson mausoleum, in woodland adjoining Hatchford Park. Having known this interesting edifice for some years, through my local dog-walking, I recently took a number of photographs and am able to add the following brief historical and architectural notes to Clare's contribution.

The mausoleum was built in 1920/21 for Lord Henry Samuelson, the then-owner of Hatchford Park, as a memorial to his father Sir Bernhard Samuelson (a maker of agricultural machinery and a member of Gladstone's government) and his mother, also to his late sister; all three had, as Clare said, previously been buried at Torquay. The family was of Jewish descent but abandoned Judaism back in the 19th Century, and Sir Henry worshipped at St Matthew's, Hatchford, an Anglican church demolished in 1968 because of under-use.



Within three years of the mausoleum's completion, however. Lord and Lady Samuelson moved to the south of France because of the former's ill-health, and he sold Hatchford Hall to steel magnate Sir William Firth. Interestingly, the mausoleum and its plot were not included in the sale but were conveyed 'in perpetuity' to the vicar of St Matthew's, this being why the present Hatchford Park boundary excludes them. The building was kept in good order for quite a while after his lordship's death in 1937 but became vandalised in the 1960s and (again as Clare mentions) the coffins were stolen. Surrey County Council assumed responsibility for the site in 1992 and promised renovation, but nothing seems to have been done so far.



As the accompanying photographs show, the mausoleum (which is of greyish sandstone) is an octagonal building with a high dome, arched walls and steps leading down into the crypt. It is well endowed with carved heraldic shields, one of which states who the 'incumbents' were, while most of the others carry the elaborate Samuelson coat of arms bearing the motto "Post lux tenebras" which I translate as "Light after darkness". The dome-carrying lintels over the arches have inscriptions in English and the classical languages; the English one says simply "A Temple of Sleep", the Latin ones were too eroded for me to interpret, and the others were all Greek to me anyway!

Westminster Maternity Home at Ripley Court

It is fairly well known that during the last war, Ripley Court School was evacuated to a country house near Shrewsbury in Shropshire. What is not so well known is, that during that period, Ripley Court was used as a maternity home for Westminster Hospital in London. This would have been because of the dangers of the German bombing of London and lasted, so far as we can tell, for most of the war.

There are no records of this locally except for a small number of baptisms in Ripley Church registers during 1942. What is certain is, that, among those of the expectant mothers who gave birth there, the majority would have been brought down from London to be safe from the air raids. We believe the nursing staff all came from London but some local staff were employed on domestic duties.

Bette and I had a request for information some time ago from a lady who was born there but we were unable to help. We have just received another request, via the Internet, from Mrs Cath Shirley, in New Zealand. She tells us that Ripley Court is entered on her birth certificate although her family home was then in Westminster. Again, we have not been able to help very much apart from sending her some photos of the School as it is today. What is of interest about this is that she was recently given a copy of our "Walk about Ripley" booklet. A friend sent it having bought it at a garage sale! Jane Bartlett has recorded the memoirs of many Ripley people who lived here all through that period but there are only one or two small recollections of the maternity home. It would be interesting to discover more about this period of Ripley history. Does anyone have any recollections or detailed knowledge?

John Slatford.

60 Years at St. Bedes School - further Memories, Pictures and Questions.

Following my article in Journal 163/17, I include here four more photographs of the school taken between 1957 and 1964 with accompanying comments.



Photograph (1)

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This group photograph was taken in the late 1950's, about 1957, I believe, when Mr William Short was headmaster. On the far right is the woodwork teacher Mr Walter Waghorn, and on the left is Roy Doe the head boy, at that time. To his right is Mrs Lesley Newton who taught English Language and Cookery (now Home Economics). Does anyone recognise the head girl wearing the pullover or the male teacher at the rear? The trees in the background are in the old Send sandpits.

In the background are the school gardens, which were always kept in immaculate condition by the pupils and the teacher in charge. The latter, in 1961 (the year I joined the school) was Miss Beryl Shanks. A few months later in early 1962, the scene changed dramatically when the contractors Hoad & Taylor moved in to construct the new extension and swimming pool.

Photograph (2)

This photograph, which again includes Mr Waghorn on far left, shows Mrs Newton in the centre who taught English in Annex 2. Who is the teacher on the far right? The pupils are also unknown, obviously a special occasion as the four students are holding cups! The boy on the left is wearing full school uniform but the boy next to him is wearing an ordinary jacket and appears to display a Prefects' shield on his lapel. The girl next to Mrs Newton is wearing a dark blue pleated skirt usually worn in winter while the girl on her left is in a royal blue skirt normally worn in the summer. The photograph was clearly taken on a warm day, as the windows in Room 8 were open. The latter room commonly known as the 'DS' room was used for Domestic Science. The chimney served a 'Rayburn' stove in which many fine cakes were baked by the girls under the guidance of Mrs Newton, Miss Bullock and Mrs Simmonds. Mouth watering aromas wafted from these windows on warm days. The date of this photograph is unknown but may have been taken between 1958 and 1959. The location is in front of Annex 2 on the playing field. (Annex buildings (1) and (2) were sited at right angles with the fence.)



Photograph (2)

Prior to 1961 a third Annex was erected (approximately where the photographer was standing) It was parallel to the school fence and included a flagstone path up to the field.

Annex 3 (the base classroom for the 5th year pupils) was slightly different, probably an updated design and had yellow doors. Annex 1 & 2 had blue doors, while all inside doors were dark red! Annex 1, just visible through the windows of Annex 2, was placed adjacent to the school flagpole, next to the girls playground and was always the base classroom for Class

Photograph (3)

A very important milestone, in the history of St Bedes is shown in this photograph. Mr Waghorn was a member of Guildford Cathedral Choir and was there at the time of its consecration in the presence of HM Queen Elizabeth II in 1961. Around this time, the best woodwork pupils the school could muster (whatever their position in the school) were engaged in making choir stalls for the new Song Room within the cathedral.

This photograph was taken when the task was completed and at the official opening of the Song Room. It was a proud moment for Mr Waghorn and his team of dedicated pupils. The Rev Cyril Sylvester, Vicar of Send is in the foreground with Mr Waghorn to the left and the school headmaster Mr Sidney Baxter behind him. On the far left is one of my schoolmates, Jeffrey Dunn and another, Stephen Fenner, is standing second from the right with his hand on the piano.



Photograph (3)



Photograph (4)

Photograph (4)

Taken from the same position as in photo'1, but at a different camera angle; the view has changed dramatically. The year is 1964 and Sir Douglas Bader is seen performing the official opening of the new school extension, which also included the outdoor swimming pool. Mr Baxter is seated behind him. Gardening was still a part of the school curriculum but only about a quarter of the original garden remained.

The new extension included a gym' with full toilet and shower facilities, two classrooms and a science laboratory, and this has remained the only major alteration carried out in the life of the school so far. Minor changes included the removal of the Annex classrooms when the school changed from a secondary school to its present category. The access to the playing field from Send Hill, was sold by Surrey County Council and is now private land. A new footpath access for pupils has been made during 2002, across the sand pit from 'Sandfields' on the brow of Send Hill into the former boys playground.

David Porter

Letter to the Editor

Cartbridge Post Office

I wonder if anyone can shed any light on the Cartbridge Post-Office that my great grand parents Walter and Jane Roake owned in the 1920's, which was situated at 18, Potters Lane? When it closed it was moved to the 'Fieldings' at 17, Potters Lane, for about a year. In fact until the Post-Box was moved to the telegraph pole outside 'Waters Edge', it was in the hedge at No 17. Also when did Guildford Road, Send, become Potters Lane?

David Roake, 92, Potters Lane, Send.

The Clocke House-continued (see page 2)

Below, are the outside and inside views respectively, of a tariff card for The Clocke House, Ripley. There is no date but the inside carries a printer's correction, so this card may have been printed shortly after the building was purchased in 1928. If this is the case then the name on the card must be that of the owner using her own initials 'L M' instead of those of her husband Edmund Heliess Harrison? - editor.



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Wednesday 25th September – 8pm Send Church Rooms

‘Secrets of a Victorian Boudoir’. A talk by Marion May with a display of Victorian underwear!

Wednesday 16th October – 8pm Ripley Village Hall

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

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The Surrey Local History Symposium, this year takes the theme of ‘**Surrey in the 1950’s**’.

Wednesday 20th November – 8pm Send Church Rooms

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

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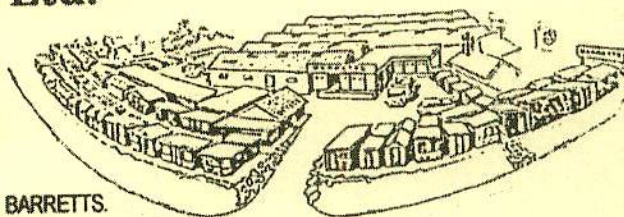


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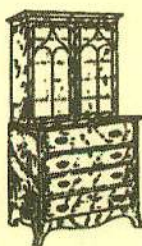
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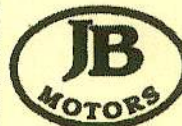
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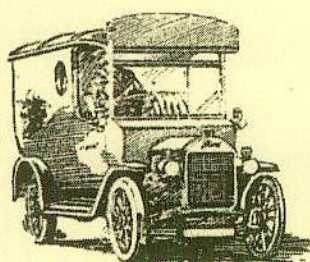
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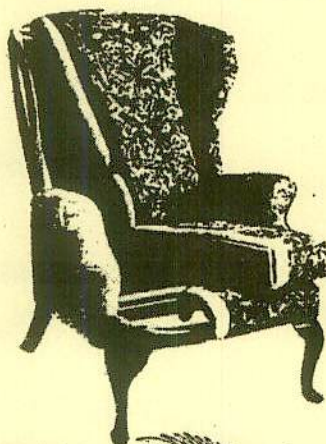
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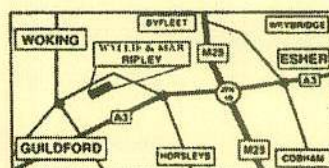
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