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Editor's Comment

The 29th A G M held on the 18th February was well attended and on a cold evening the annex at Ripley Village Hall was warm and cosy for the 45 or so members who were present. The official part of the programme for the evening was concluded with all existing members of the committee being re-elected and it being agreed to maintain the subscriptions at the present level of £10 for couples and £8 for individuals for the coming year This was followed by refreshments and a lively local memories 'brains trust' featuring David Porter, Rob Donn and Pat Clack led by Les Bowerman. Reports by the officers are recorded in this journal.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed articles and comments for inclusion in this journal over the last year and also for the support of our advertisers. As we have now entered the 30th year of the society, which will be completed at the next AGM in February 2005, I am reminded that Volume 5 of the journal (36 issues bound every 5 years) will be due for binding after number 180. I have also realised that I have had the privilege of edited the journal for 12 years since 1992. It seems like no time at all, and that surely must be due to the interesting contents and high standard of the articles submitted that makes this 'job' so much easier. Finally, a reminder of the announcement in the previous edition of this journal of the forthcoming **Friday** meeting as below:

FILM SHOW
FRIDAY
12th March
'DADS PICTURE PALACE'
Ripley Village Hall
Refreshments and Choc Ices
8pm
FRIDAY-FRIDAY-FRIDAY

AGM Wednesday 18th February 2004

President's report

Ken Bourne paid tribute to the Chairman, Les Bowerman, for his continuing hard work on the society's behalf. He drew attention to one of Les's virtues, in that, however busy, he is always willing to attend to enquiries from all sources and deal with them promptly ensuring answers come back to the enquirer as soon as possible. If Les does not know the answer he usually knows a man/woman who does. Ken also thanked Anne Bowerman on behalf of the committee not only for her input as Programme Secretary but for hosting the committee and providing delicious refreshments at her home.

Reporting on his roll as Journal Editor Ken paid tribute to Alan Tinkler who has for the second year quietly and efficiently persuaded our advertisers to renew their adverts in the journal. As mentioned in the previous issue number 174, Colbornes Garage, following an approach by Allan, was delighted to renew their advert even though they have moved away from Ripley. We thank Colbornes and all our advertisers for their continuing support.

The possibility of the journal costing more to print is dependant upon two factors, 1) the general rise in costs and 2) the inclusion of more coloured illustrations. The first can be controlled to some extent but the second may not be so easy. A limited number of coloured illustration are used from time-to-time but their presence approximately doubles the cost of printing. As more coloured photos, etc, appear from the 1960s, it is inevitable that their inclusion will affect future printing-costs; however, they do enhance the appearance of the journal. Costs will be monitored but ultimately, it is the quality of the articles and the appearance of the journal that must be the editor's main concern.

Chairman's report

2003/4 has been another busy and interesting year for the Society. With Cate Davey as Membership Secretary, **membership** has been maintained at around 300, although it is still too early to know whether we shall go into the coming year with that number as there are some who have not yet renewed.

Committee has worked well with a good mix of old and newer members. Tony and/or Patricia Medlen have attended most of the meetings in spite of dividing their time between Surrey and Devon and their advice from long experience of the Society is always welcome. New members Andy Jones and Bob Stonard have both got stuck in with Andy vigorously chasing up and acquiring for the museum many useful items which would otherwise have gone into skips, and Bob doing good practical work on the Museum. Anne has been energetic as Programme Secretary, as a result of which attendance at both meetings and outings has been rising. Ken Bourne, our President, has maintained the high standard of the Journal with interesting articles and some artistic photography. Although not on Committee, Les Brown and Norman Carpenter, together with a score of distributors, have ensured that the Journal has been delivered speedily. We continue to rely on Secretary Marilyn Scrace for professional advice and experience on Museum matters, and on Clare McCann for her drive and initiative in putting on exhibitions and seeking improvements at the Museum. Alan Baker's words of wisdom are always valued as are David Porter's, albeit that he has been unable to attend many meetings this year due to pressures at work.

The Museum. Again a good year for the Museum with some 28 new acquisitions plus books and videos for the library organized by Mavis Davies, and photos and postcards for the photographic archive kept by Jane Bartlett. Among the new acquisitions, listed on another page, one can highlight the following: The Ellenberger shield for the over-60s handicraft competition together with the Runners Up silver cup. The c1854 "Fishing Book" compiled by Arthur Lancaster of Sendholme when a boy. Eric Clapton Ripley cricket programmes of 1988 and 2003. Beautiful embroidered greeting cards of WW1 period in embroidered cloth cases donated by David Porter.

The wrought-iron chemists sign made by C H Sex & Sons, blacksmiths, of Send. An anonymously donated humble milk bottle supplied by Keene Bros of Boughton Hall. A bible and payer book presented by Miss Lancaster of Sendholme 1908 and 1926 to members of the Giles family on confirmation. Signboards from Gibbs Agricultural engineers and other local concerns. Three Ripley Parish Magazines from a series which went to more than 800 copies over the years, but of which barely a handful appear to have survived. A scrapbook of various Send and Ripley cuttings from the 1960s. And finally the splendid pre-war banner of the Ripley WI with its superb artistic local symbolism and made by local WI members.

Two wonderfully comprehensive and nostalgic exhibitions have been put together by Clare McCann with assistance mainly from Jane Bartlett and Sheila Brown. They were on shops and shopping and currently on clubs and associations. The first of these particularly illuminated the problems of trying in one small building to have a permanent display, a special exhibition, lending and reference libraries, a book store, a reception counter, a research area, and a place to welcome visitors and have meetings. Mainly due to Clare's drive, efforts are being made to address this problem. As a result of discussions with the Village Hall Committee the answer seems to be a high-class secure Portacabin type unit behind and with direct access to the museum building rather than a built-on extension. A folder here illustrates what is in mind. All being well, it will be funded largely through grants, and it is here that the great advantage of having a professional museum curator as our Secretary becomes so apparent.

An associated problem is storage of items not on display or in use. For many years most of this material has been kept at Send Manor as the inventory shows, but anno domini dictates that that cannot be a permanent solution. The Society has very recently been offered some secure accommodation in part of the former Methodist church at a peppercorn rent. There appear to be no strings attached, so this may be the answer.
Clare and Anne have continued in our interest to attend Surrey Museums Consultative Committee meetings, John Slatford has done likewise with the Ripley Village Hall Committee, and John & Mary Campbell have continued to organize the Museum Stewards rotas. To all of them and to the stewards themselves thanks are given.

Web-site. In this report last year I noted that Chris and Les Brown had been designing a web-site for the Society, and that it should be operating within the year. Committee members wanted a say in designing the site, but unfortunately were unable to put the time into it. The project has therefore 'stalled' for the time being.

Publications. Books have continued to sell well, especially the Schools book. The Ripley Church book, which came out just over a year ago was well received, and sales have been much as anticipated. Christina's comprehensive analysis in the accounts shows clearly how many copies of all our books have been sold. One of our earliest, the Then & Now book of A J Munby's Walk around Ripley, has been out of stock for six years. A very reasonable quote for a facsimile edition has very recently been obtained so all eleven of our books will soon be available.

In conclusion thanks are given to all who have helped the Society in any way but whose names have not been specifically mentioned.

Les Bowerman.

Secretary's report 2003-2004

The year has been, as ever, a very busy and active one for the Society. We have continued to fulfill our main objectives to preserve and enhance the heritage of our two villages and to introduce residents to the fascinating world of local history.

The museum, located in Ripley, has continued to show fascinating exhibitions related to the history of Send and Ripley. Clare McCann and Jane Bartlett continue to surprise us all with their amazing ingenuity in coming up with ever-changing displays, which draw on our own collection and on borrowed items, and our grateful thanks go to them for this fantastic work. It brings to life our museum and means that every few months there is something new to see which is vital to generate repeat visits. Our team of volunteer stewards works to ensure that our museum is freely open to visitors from far and near every weekend, new volunteers are always welcome to ease the burden on our existing band. Clare has also worked hard to develop the educational links with local schools and to encourage the use of the museum and our collection for educational purposes.

Our programme of talks and visits is organised by Anne Bowerman who seems to constantly find new and interesting speakers. We have again published a full annual programme and this has helped to keep up numbers of participants at meetings. We have also moved to a regular slot each month, which it is hoped will fix us in member's minds as a monthly outing on a regular basis. We still manage to achieve good numbers at all our meetings, which is credit to Anne's constant enthusiasm and hard work. The summer visits programme last year was also well attended.

The Society is a very active watchdog for all building changes in the two villages and development and activities are recorded by articles and photography. We continue to promote the interpretation of our heritage through publications and Ken Bourne our President has continued to edit a really first class journal which is the envy of many other societies.

Our role as custodians of our heritage through the care of our museum collection has been developed this year and we have formulated a collection and acquisition policy and hope in the coming year to improve the cataloguing of the collection with a full location index.

None of our activities could be achieved without the support and funding of our members for which the committee is most grateful. We are always grateful for more volunteers in any capacity, be it occasionally, for example as a museum volunteer or on a more regular basis as a committee member. Please do not hesitate to come forward if any of our activities are of interest to you. We look forward to another very successful year.

Marilyn Scrace. Secretary.

Treasurer's report

Reporting on behalf of Christina Sheard, the treasurer, Les Bowerman invited comments on the accounts, copies of which were distributed at the meeting. After discussion, they were adopted in principle, subject to final confirmation of the figures by the accountant. Thanks were recorded and indorsed by all present for all Christina's hard work and particularly the additional analysis of the publications sales. A copy of these accounts will appear in the next issue of the journal.

CHANGES IN RIPLEY, JANUARY 2004.

by John Slatford

The record is in need of some updating with business changes that have happened (or have been threatened) over the past few months:

Doctor's surgery

The doctor's surgery in Rose lane has re-opened but now as Brelades Veterinary Surgeons. This is a branch of a long established practice with main facilities in Dorking. There are already branches in Bookham and Gomshall.

Michels Restaurant

Michels Restaurant is no more. The last owner, Michel Albina, had devoted much time and effort in continuing the business after the Michels left including the re-instatement of the Clock House clock over the entrance (see Journal No. 166). Sadly, however, he decided that he wanted to do something different. The new owners are Steve and Senna Drake. The name Drake's Restaurant is now over the front of the house and it opens in January. Steve Drake comes as 'chef-patron' having had extensive training with top chefs including Albert Roux and Marco Pierre White. The development on the former Colbornes site with eight houses, mostly in one terrace, has been completed. At first called Newark Mews, it seems the builder has taken note of objections because of the distance from the Priory site and the name is now Heath Mews, Ripley.

Town & Country Cars

There has been much speculation over the planning applications to develop the Town & Country Cars site (or Suzuki Garage as it now seems to be known) with highly concentrated housing. To date, the applications have been refused but it remains to be seen what the future holds. The proposals involved demolition of the existing buildings, which are mostly modem or late 19th century. There is, however, an interesting building in the centre of the yard area, which would originally have been a stable and/or a coach house. It is marked on the Tithe Map and so must pre-date 1843 (see map copy). The building is today a joinery workshop but its original construction of brick with a half-hipped tiled roof is completely unaltered. We hope that listing of the building may be possible thus saving it from demolition.

Chapel Farm buildings
There is an interesting development in Rose Lane with reconstruction of the old Chapel Farm buildings. At present, we don't know what the end-result will be but it is nice to see that traditional methods are being used particularly with a new roof currently being built with oak timbers.

Ripley Transformers
In the High Street, at the Ripley Transformers site, the Victorian corrugated iron building at the rear has been demolished having been deemed to be too far gone for economical repair. Planning consent has been given for replacement buildings. At this time, it is not known what form or use these will have. Also in the High Street, the house White Hammer has recently changed hands and is now a solicitor's office with a residential flat.

Ripley Antiques

Opposite the Talbot, the former Ripley Antiques shop is now Ripley Horse and Rider catering for the needs of the horse riding fraternity. It is a family business owned by Emily Clarke and her family. The opening of this business came shortly after a David Reeves from New Zealand visited the museum. He was seeking to find the place where his grandfather had a grocery shop in the 1920s. We were able to show him that Arthur Reeves was at this shop in Ripley, at least between 1922 and 1930. There is also a record showing that Arthur Reeves was one of the owners of farren rights on the Green. David provided a photo of the shop as it was then together with one of his father as an errand boy working for David's grandfather (see photos, right and on next page).

The Jarmans of Weyside Market Garden

The photograph on the right shows Sylvia Jarman in front of the market garden's mobile shop on Send Marsh Road in July 2003.

After 21 years selling their produce here and on the Portsmouth Road they have given up the mobile shop. They will continue to grow produce at their market garden at Weyside, Polesden Lane and welcome anyone who wishes to buy from them direct on every day except Monday.

We are grateful to Sylvia for the donation of this photograph and to Dreda Todd, for informing the society of this change, in what had become a local tradition.

Sylvia Jarman at Send Marsh Road, July 2003

Jane Bartlett takes up the story in the following article:

Three generations of Market Gardeners.

By Jane Bartlett

David Jarman's father, Charles, worked on a large farm near Portsmouth. The farm had 26 horses and four threshing machines, which worked on farms all over the south of England. The farmer gave one of his sons Homewood farm and £4,000. Charles came with him as farm manager. Unfortunately the son lived extravagantly, and after 2 years the farm was taken from him.

Charles Jarman and van

A Mr Cooper lived at Wayside, a smallholding in Polesden Lane. This was one of the 1-acre plots with a house built about 1920 on land leased for 99 years by Surrey County Council from the Wentworth Estate of Ockham. Mr Cooper, who lived alone, asked Charles to come and work with him. When Mr Cooper decided to leave Charles went to Kingston to try and take over the tenancy. He had to borrow the fee of £35 from his father in Portsmouth. So in 1929 he had Cooper's greengrocer's round and his smallholding.

Although the smallholdings in Polesden and Papercourt Lanes were originally one acre, David, now has 13 acres, as, when others wanted to give up, he acquired the tenancy of their acres.
His produce was sold at the Great Western Market at Brentford.

During the 1939-45 war when the government required all land to produce as much food as possible, Charles was asked to take over Wheeler's Farm land at Pyrford, and the land at Ockham Park. During this period, Mrs Florence Jarman ran a greengrocer's shop in Bishopsmead Parade in Horsley to sell the produce (including grapes from Ockham Park). So David had of necessity to go to school in East Horsley from the age of 5, until he was 11, so that he could go to the shop when school finished.

David was apprenticed for a year with A.W.Secrett at Heath farm, Send, then spent a further year at Merrist Wood before joining his father, having a glasshouse of his own to grow specialities. Even when he moved, after his marriage to Sylvia, to his own market garden in Westfield in 1976, he continued to help his father especially with the ploughing. He came back when his father died (aged 90) leaving his son Paul to run Westfield.

History repeats itself, and Paul now helps his father with the ploughing and all repairs to the machinery. Carol comes over to work in the nursery pricking out the plants and helping in the farm shop.

During the war the growing of flowers was restricted, but one of the main crops of that area was cornflowers. Different firms sent their own boxes down from Covent Garden to be filled, and several of the smallholders; (Messrs Collier, King, Brewer and Crane as well as the Jarmans) filled them and took them to Clandon Station. All the boxes had to be loaded in record time, as it was a passenger train with a limited stop. When there were rail strikes they had to drive to Covent Garden themselves and find the different firms.

Not only has the smallholding grown from the original acre but in Oct 1958 at the sale of the Wentworth estate, Charles Jarman is listed as tenant of 10 acres at Wheelers farm. They rented much of Homewood farm until the 1970s and often they rented a couple of acres from other farmers to grow a cabbage or potato crop. There was also variety in their activities. At one time they had 200 pigs. (some of the sties are still there) and there were chicken runs up by the main road. (roast cockerel for Sunday lunch?) They are licensed potato merchants and pick up potatoes from other farms in addition to selling their own.

Charles (left) and David with vegetable display

Apart from selling at Covent Garden, they at one time supplied 26 schools with vegetables, (including St Bedes and Westfield). All of them of course needed their sack of potatoes or 1cwt of carrots first thing on Monday mornings. They then changed to supplying hotels from as near as the Talbot to right over to Dorking. These, of course, needed fruit as well as vegetables, so apart from selling they also bought at the Great Western Market, going there every day of the week

David says that none of this would have been possible without the help of his wife, Sylvia,who after eight years as head hairdresser at De Nuville's in Woking, started working at the nursery, helping with the growing, gathering ,selling ,taking orders and getting them ready for delivery. In fact she delivered to hotels in Dorking with the young children in the back of the van.

In 1981 at the end of July, they had loaded their van with lettuces, tomatoes and beans to take up to market when they were told there would be no sale the next day because of the August Bank Holiday. Rather than waste everything, Sylvia suggested they took the loaded van to the A3 and she sold their 12lb boxes for £1 each. They sold out. This was the start of the mobile van, which we have had in Send Dip on Friday mornings and in the Portsmouth Rd. on Friday afternoons. David and Sylvia still supplement their home grown produce with fruit and flowers from Covent Garden, so one day a week they leave at 3am to drive to the market to get the fresh flowers.

They decided to give up the van in August 2003, but we have not lost our market gardeners. You can still buy direct from Wayside market garden on everyday except Monday.

Letters

To the Editor from Alan Baker:

I enjoyed the recently received Jan/Feb issue but am sorry that you saw fit to attribute the John Paul obit to me and not to Alastair Macmillan who, as indicated in my covering letter of the 5th January, did almost all the writing. I have apologised to Alastair (over a glass of single-malt) for the apparent discourtesy, and he assures me he bears no ill will!

Appologies to both Alastair and Alan – editor.

THE FAMILIES OF CHANDLER, FARMER & WHITE

by

Bette & John Slatford

Among the many requests that we get for help with family history research, occasionally one develops into a multiple family search. One such has resulted from a business card recently left in the museum by Michael Ottewell who was seeking information about his mother's family of **Farmer** in Ripley. Bette's initial research quickly produced connections with two other local families, the **Chandlers** and the **Whites.**

Thomas Farmer the elder was born in Overton in Hampshire in 1845 and came to Cobham some time in the 1860s where he married Anne in 1869. They had four children, all born in Cobham: Mary Jane (1872), Annie (1874), Kate (1876) and Thomas (1877). Although still in Cobham in 1881 with Thomas as a labourer, the family must have moved to Ripley soon after because he was listed in the 1882 Kelly's Directory as a carrier from Ripley-to-London at the Spur Inn, Borough on Monday and Thursday returning to Ripley on Wednesday and Friday. Also living with Thomas in Cobham was his younger brother George, then aged 24, single and born in Overton. By 1901 he was still in Cobham, a grocer and beer retailer and married with four children.

The Gables Ripley c1970

In the 1881 census, the Farmer family are recorded living in Ripley in one half of the house called The Gables (demolished in 1972 - see photo) next to White Horse Lane where until recently Ripley's last petrol station was located. Thomas senior was then described as a coal merchant and carrier with his son Thomas, then 14, carrier's assistant. The daughters Annie and Kate were still at home. The other half of The Gables was occupied by the Goldsmith family. Charles Goldsmith was a saddler and jobmaster and it was his family, who later started the petrol station. It had been thought that in the various old postcard photos of this part of Ripley the horse drawn wagons were Goldsmith's but Thomas Farmer would more likely have been the owner.

WHITE HORSE LANE
HALF MOON PUB
Ripley
(NOW GONE)
THE GABLES
- FARMERS LIVED HERE
LITTLE BARN
- CHANDLERS LIVED HERE
CRANFORD
- WHITES LIVED HERE
BRITISH LEGION
COALYARD WAS HERE
Ripley Court
Bank
Meth Ch
P.H.
Club
Fire Engine House
Tudor Hotel
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Mary Jane Farmer, the eldest daughter of Thomas, married Charles Chandler in Cobham in 1888 and their eldest son also Charles, was born soon after in Ripley. Although the next two children were born in Fetcham, where Charles was a gardener, by 1894 they were back in Ripley when George was born, the fourth of their 17 children. They lived in the house called Little Barn, next to the present day pottery shop (the former Ken White's chemist shop). Charles senior, born in Worthing, was the fourth child of George Chandler, a builder, and his wife Ellen. After settling in Ripley, he became a carman working for his brother in law. He died in 1912 aged 43.

In September 1892, Thomas Farmer senior died aged 43 and his carrier's business was carried on by his widow, Annie. Shortly before he died, he saw his second daughter Annie married to Douglas White in Ripley, who also became a carrier and coal merchant. Douglas, who was born in Bere Regis in Dorset in 1870, was described in the 1901 census as a railway delivery agent and he continued this role for the London and South Western Railway and the Southern Railway until 1838, a few years before he died in 1943. He also had a coal yard at the rear of the former school building, now the British Legion, in Rose Lane. He is said to have used the building as a store for many years before the Legion was established in the early 1920s. The photo below of one of the floats in the Commonwealth pageant (possibly the King George V Silver Jubilee in 1935) is said to be Doug White leading one of his wagons in the display.

Doug White and Annie had a large family of firstly two sons followed by five girls. Although we have marriage records of Hubert (known as Hugh) and three of the girls in Ripley, it would seem that none of them stayed here so that there appear to be no White connections in the district to-day. The Chandler family, however, have proved to be quite different. Perhaps the best remembered will be Alfred Chandler who, with his son Peter, operated a successful coach and car hire business at Burnt Common from after the last was through to the 1960s (see Newsletter No. 144). Another of Alfred's sons Gerald has told us that at one time some coaches were kept in the old barn that used to be next to our house, St George's Farmhouse. Gerald tells a story about a Ripley character Charlie "Cumberland". From the NorthEast, he was 'passing through' Ripley at the time of the last war and 'stayed for good'. For a while, he worked for Arthur Hill and lived with him at St George's Farm but mostly, it is said, he lived rough or in a farm caravan. Now in his nineties, he lives in a home in East Horsley. It seems nobody ever knew his real name!

After a night on the tiles, Charlie would sometimes 'kip down' in one of the coaches in the barn. Gerald driving off the next morning would, after a while, hear a voice from the back asking to be let off! Most of the Chandler sons and daughters stayed in or around Ripley and the family is still well represented in the village today.

CHANDERS
OF RIPLEY
J.S. 15-01-04

THOMAS FARMER & SON
OF RIPLEY

JS 13-01-04

Thomas Farmer junior progressively took over the family business from his mother and continued to be described as a coal merchant and carrier with his service to the Spur Inn, Borough becoming a daily operation. The coal merchant side was not listed in Kelly's after 1911 when he was only shown as a carrier. He was married in Ripley in 1907 to Mary Ann Quinn, an Irish girl recorded in 1901 as a servant at St John's Vicarage in Woking. They had four children: Thomas (1908), Kathleen Mary (1912), John Robert (1915) and Constance Margaret Annie (1919).

The Farmer stables and yard were at the rear of The Gables off White Horse Lane. At some time, probably in the early 1920s, he acquired a motor van with the help of a loan, it is said, from Lady Lovelace. We are certain that he was the driver in the photograph of his van (see the photo on front page which we think may have been taken by Frank Pinnock who was very active as a photographer at that time). His grandson suggests that he was the original "White Van Man"! It is possible that the boy sitting on the step was Thomas's younger son John Robert. There are stories about Thomas and his van when he used to take laundry and fresh produce to Lady Lovelace when she was staying in London - on one occasion the laundry was stolen from the van!

Thomas Farmer continued to be listed as a carrier in Kelly's until at least 1930 but there is no local record of his death and there may have been no one to carry on with the business. His elder son Thomas died in 1934 aged 26 and we have no local record of his other son John Robert. It is said that Thomas's business and Douglas White's were independent of each other but there must have been close connections in various ways.

The elder Farmer daughter Kathleen (Kitty) married Arthur Perryer in 1937 and had a large family, some of whom still live in Ripley and Send. The younger daughter Constance (Connie) was married around 1938 to Harry Ottewell and moved away to live in Kent. It was her son, Michael, who approached us for help thus prompting this research.

We are grateful to Michael for his permission to produce this history and also thank Gerald and Joan Chandler for their large and valuable contribution to the Farmer/Chandler connections.

Elderly two-wheeler

by Alan Baker

I was delighted when I saw the picture on page 6 of the January/February issue of Jack Holmes's father Robert on his motorbike, because that machine was the spitting image of my own first-ever powered two-wheeler, a 1927 557cc side-valve Ariel. Mine was bought halfway through my college days from one of my student mates for £5, a sum that really was acquired the hard way: I saved my train and bus fares by cycling 15 miles each day, for an entire summer term, between my home in Merton Park and Imperial College in South Kensington!

While my Ariel had a pillion pad instead of the Holmes carrier, almost everything else looks just the same as I remember - the hand gearchange below the name on the petrol tank, the bulb horn on the handlebar, the oil 'sight-feed' adjuster on top of the tank (four drops a minute, I think, for ordinary town running) and the well-valanced front mudguard. The only significant difference seems to be that the Holmes machine has no headlamp whereas mine was superior in sporting a battery lighting system.

The old thing (actually it was only nine years old when I got it) would do about 65 mph with me 'lying down', and it turned in at least 70 mpg regularly in mixed going. Mind vou, these figures are really no more than intelligent estimates since the bike had no speedometer, such things not being a legal requirement at that time. I kept it for nearly two years and after I left college it was doing about 50 miles a day from Merton Park to my work-place at Watford and back. Eventually I sold the Ariel for £4 to a friend and bought a rather more sporting Norton, but wished I hadn't because it never achieved the same almost total reliability. Ah, happy days!

Artefacts acquired in Year Ending 18.02.04

Ref. No.	*Item*	*Date*	*Source*	*Acquired*
A365	May Stevens 1912 autograph album	02.03	May Baigent	
A366	Various cuttings ex Surrey Ad, etc	1957-'8202.03	Brian Cobley	
A367	Ellenberger Trophy Over 60s H'craft Comp	03.03	Daphne Jackson	
A368	Small uninscribed "Gold Star" Shield re same Comp. Presented to Send	03.03	Daphne Jackson	
A369	Ph/copy booklet "CH Sex & Sons – 50 Years"	03.03	Sheila Brown	
	Mayford & Woking DHS N/L	Dec '89		
	Repro Daily Graphic 23.1.01 – Death of Victoria			
	Rio Leather Works, Polesden Lane, trade letter (Mahoney Leathers Ltd) burnt in fire of 11/90			
	John Stint of Send extract of will 1598.			
	Onslow family – "Some Additional Notes" by Derek Meyne			
A370	Sendholme auction catalogue 20.7.77	03.03	Sheila Brown	
	Notes on the Lancasters by Sheila Brown			
	Sendholme/Lancasters – letter of 19.9.83 by Chrissie Dwyer			
	Sendholme – 8 photos (copies in SRHS photo archive)			
	Mr Lancaster's Fishing Book of c1854			
A371	Eric Clapton Ripley Cricket programme 1988	04.03	Guy Bowerman	
A372	Embroidered cards WW1 in cloth folder x 7 plus 4 others plus "Airgraph"	04.03	David Porter	
A373	Chemists iron sign ex 110 Send Rd by Sex & Sons	06.03	Moss Pharmacies	
A374	St Bede's Annual Report 2003	06.03	Andy Jones	
A374	Deeds of Ryde House	06.03	Mr & Mrs Henderson	
A375	St Bede's School signboard 4' x 3'	06.03	Sr Bedes via Andy Jones	
A376	Under 13s chess team photo (all ex St Bedes)	06.03	St Bedes via Andy Jones	
A377	Gibbs Agricultural Engineers signboard 9' x 1'	07.03	Rosemary Wallis	
A378	Bible E Lancaster to May Giles 1908	08.03	Cate Davey	
A379	Prayer Book E Lancaster to Irene Giles 192608.03		Cate Davey	
A380	Parish Magazines Ripley 10.38 & 5.42	08.03	Mrs Elston	
A381	Eric Clapton Ripley Cricket programme 2003	09.03	Clare McCann	
A382	Cedar/Tudor House/George. Folder of corres.	08.03	Bob Gale	
A383	Handyman Scrapbook – c1960s S&R cuttings	09.03	Send Scouts Jumble	
A384	Meth. Church, Ripley, 39"x53" name board	09.03	Church via Andy Jones	
A385	Seymours Est Agts name boards x 2.	09.03	Seymours via A Jones	
A386	Over 60s h'craft comp Runners Up Cup (small)	10.03	Rosemary Wallis	
A387	E Goldup Tractor Auction catalogue	10.03	Audrey Sykes	
A388	Newark Priory Thesis by Jeanette Hicks	11.03	£20 ex funds	
A389	"Wonderful Britain" mag 1928 (article on P'mth Rd)	11.03	Colin Jelley	
A390	Ripley Psh Mag 8/66			
	Ripley Psh booklets 1970s x 4	11.03	Colin Jelley	
	Pewter biscuit barrel "The Ravens Dec 1927"	11.03	C Jelley (? Given or not)	
A391	Ripley WI embroidered banner	12.03	Valerie Jenner	
A392	Milk Bottle Manor Fm Byfleet & Keene Bros Boughton Hall	09.03	Anon (left at Mus)	

The above list is an extract from the inventory showing all items acquired for the Museum and the archives during the year up to the Annual General Meeting. It does not show photographs, postcards and tape recordings which are recorded in the photographic archive or books recorded in the library.

Les Bowerman. 18.02.04

Forthcoming Events

Ken has written about the **A.G.M.** meeting but I should just like to say thank you to those members who donated raffle prizes that evening and to those who kindly bring along prizes to our meetings. This is greatly appreciated and goes a long way to defraying the costs of having speakers. We hope you will enjoy our forthcoming meetings.

Friday, 12th March - "Dad's Picture Palace" - a film show by Terence Patrick of Circle 8. Choc' ices will be available as well as the usual coffee and biscuits.
*Note. This meeting is on **Friday** to fit in with the Village Hall bookings in the **Main Hall.***

Wednesday, 21st April - The Cokelers from 1850. An illustrated talk by Marion May about a little-known sect who were active in the area south of Guildford. Marion will be bringing some interesting items to display.

Wednesday, 19th May - A visit to Ham House, Richmond. Depart from Send Manor at 9.30 a.m. Morning coffee will be available in the Orangery Restaurant for our party on arrival, after which we shall be having a guided tour of Ham House. After lunch we will be able to look round the famous formal gardens and the outhouses.
Entrance to the house and garden is free to National Members but there will be a charge of £4 for NT members and £7.50 for non-members for the guided tour.

Please let me know if you are coming to Ham House and if you are NT members or not as I have to let the Property Manager know at least a week before our visit. Offers of or requests for transport should be made to me, Anne Bowerman, on 01483 224876.

Wednesday, 16th June – A visit to Compton Church, the Watts Gallery and Chapel.
Meet at The Manor House, Send Marsh Green. Time to be advised.

All indoor meetings take place at 8.00 pm in the Ripley Village Hall Annexe (unless stated otherwise). For further details, telephone Programme Secretary, Anne Bowerman on 01483 224876.

Journal Contributions: Closing date for the next edition is **Friday 30th April 2004**

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'Ripley & Send Then and Now; The Changing Scene of Surrey Village Life'	(Reprinted 1998)	£10.00
'Guide to The Parish Church of St Mary The Virgin, Send'		£1.25
'Then and Now, A Victorian Walk Around Ripley'	(Reprinted 2004)	£3.50
'The Straight Furrow', by Fred Dixon		£1.50
'Ripley and Send – Looking Back'		£5.00
'A Walk About Ripley Village in Surrey'		£2.00
'Newark Mill Ripley, Surrey		£3.00
'The Hamlet of Grove Heath Ripley, Surrey'		£4.00
'Ripley and Send – An Historical Pub Crawl in Words and Pictures'		£6.00
'Two Surrey Village Schools - The story of Send and Ripley Village Schools'		£10.00
'The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalen Ripley, Surrey'		£5.00

The reference copy is available at the museum. The others are available from the Museum on Saturday mornings, or from Ripley Post Office. The reprinted copy of 'Ripley & Send Then and Now' and 'Two Surrey Village Schools' can also be obtained from Send Post Office.

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