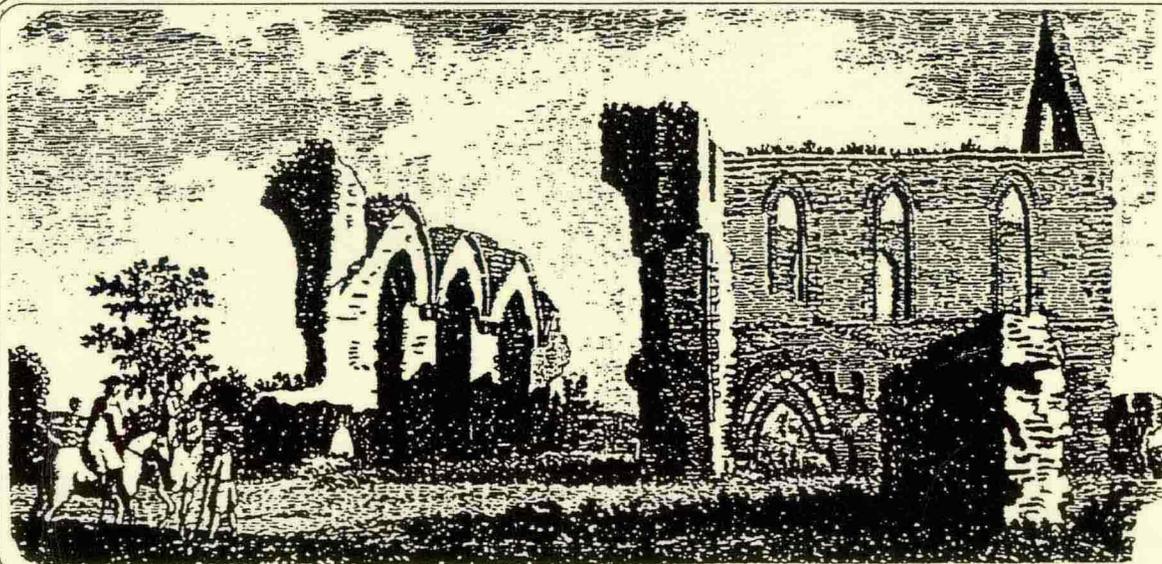


Send & Ripley History Society

FOUNDED 1975 AS SEND HISTORY SOCIETY

Registered Charity No. 296324



NEWARK PRIORY

Journal Volume 6 No. 196

Sept/Oct 2007



T LANDSCAPE TREE SERVICES Gosden

Landscape: Groundwork Plant Hire Fencing & Tree Services

21 South Road, Bisley
Woking Surrey. GU24 9ES.

Tel. 01483 822936
Mobile: 07973 248975
Email: tgosden@msn.com



Court & Smith Group

Guildford Mitsubishi

Fishers House, Portsmouth Road, Ripley, GU23 6HB

Telephone: 01483 222184

Open: Monday- Friday 8.30 till 6, Saturday 8.30 till 5

First choice for both Private and Commercial Vehicle Sales
First stop for all Servicing requirements

Court & Smith Group

Proud to be part of the local community for the
past 25 years

BLAZES

FIREPLACE CENTRES

The UK's Largest Living Home Specialist

WE OFFER THE LARGEST SELECTION OF FIREPLACES.
ON DISPLAY IS A SELECTION OF BEAUTIFUL FIRE
SURROUNDS WITH LIVING GAS FLAME FIRES
ALSO A LARGE RANGE OF ELECTRIC FIRES.

HOME SURVEYS AND FULL INSTALLATION SERVICE

01483 225800

VISIT OUR LUXURY SHOWROOM AND DISCOVER WHY PEOPLE
GO TO BLAZES AT DUNCAN HOUSE, HIGH STREET, RIPLEY
GU23 6AY.

OADES PLANT LTD

Traffic Management, Heras fencing & Plant hire specialists

Telephone: 01784 435555
Fax: 01784 438128

www.oadesplanthire.co.uk
www.herasfencinghire.co.uk
Info@oadesplanthire.co.uk

Crabtree Road, Thorpe
Ind Est, Egham, Surrey,
TW20 8RN

Eltons



69 Old Woking Road
West Byfleet
Surrey KT14 6LF
Tel: 01932 345 075
www.eltons69.com

Commercial & Retail Stationers
Office Furniture
Fine Art Supplies
Hobby & Craft



Alan Greenwood & Sons

Independent Funeral Directors

Sandy Jeive

Manager/Funeral Director
The Gentle Touch

66 Send Road
Send, Woking
Surrey GU23 7EU

24 Hour Service

01483 210222. Mobile: 07786 733758

Williams & Wright Ltd
The Jewellers

**Antique & Modern Jewellery & Silver
Bought & Sold**

VALUATIONS • REPAIRS • PEARL RESTRINGING

High Street, Ripley, Surrey GU23 6AN. 01483 211112

mdm[®] MDM ASSOCIATES LIMITED

- Investment portfolio construction & management
- Inheritance Tax Planning
- Retirement Planning

MDM House, High Street Ripley, Surrey, GU23 6AN
Tel. 01483 225858 / www.mdmassociates.co.uk

MDM Associates Limited is authorised & regulated by the
Financial Services Authority

Send & Ripley History Society

Established 1975 as Send History Society

Registered Charity No 296324

President: K H Bourne MSc

Chairman: Les Bowerman

The Manor House, Send Marsh Green, Ripley, Woking GU23 6JS. Tel: 01483 224876

Email: les@sendmanor.com

Secretary: Marilyn Scrace BA

10 Birnam Close, Ripley, Woking GU23 6JH. Tel: 01483 224025

Email: marilyn@wokinggalleries.co.uk

Treasurer: Christina Sheard

Old Manor Cottage, Send Marsh Green, Ripley, Woking GU23 6JP. Tel: 01483 224600

Journal Editor: Ken Bourne

Brunel House, 30 Brunel Way, Frome, BA11 2XU. Tel: 01373 455641

Email: kenbourne.novoloco@tiscali.co.uk

Journal Distribution: Norman Carpenter

Ufford, 106 Potters Lane, Send, Woking GU23 7AL Tel: 01483 714634

Email: carpenter@uffordsend.fsnet.co.uk

Acting Membership Secretary: Les Bowerman.

Contact Les Bowerman for details of this vacancy.

Web site management: Chris Brown

Web site: www.sendandripleyhistory.co.uk

©Copyright Send & Ripley History Society

Journal Volume 6 No. 196

Sept/Oct 2007

Index	1
Editors comment	2
The Parish Workhouse Jane Bartlett	2
Horse Buses at the Anchor: 1874. John Slatford	5
The Lawrence Family Peter Warren	6
The Beach Buggies David Porter	11
Sendholme – Sunrise Camp Clare McCann	12
Café closure David Porter	12
Remembering Jim Nick Somerfield	13
Alex Wood - an appreciation Derek Bromley and Jean Turner	14
West Surrey Family History Society – Open Day John Slatford	14
Stanislaw Sowa obit. Les Bowerman	15
Reg King obit.	15
Changes in the villages – Send Marsh Les Bowerman	16
Forthcoming events	17
Museum exhibitions Clare McCann	17
S&RHS publication list	18

Cover photo: Alfred Lawrence c1922 possibly in Send Road? See article on page 6.

Editor's Comment

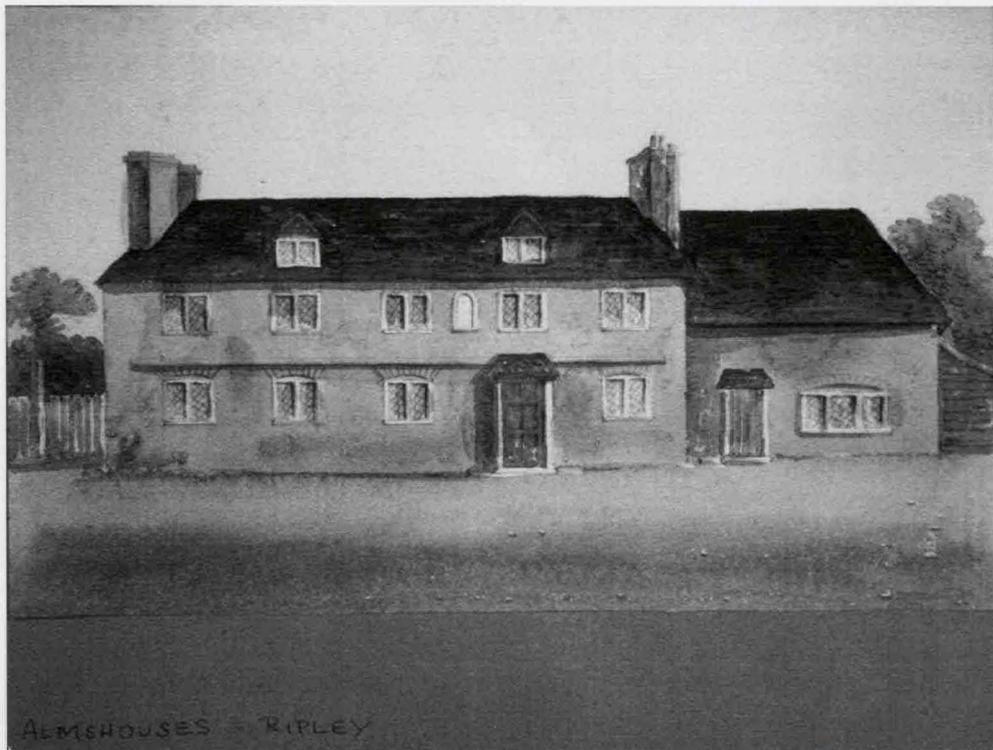
Here we are again at the beginning of autumn and for most of us the summer is over and our children or grandchildren are back to school. My wife Phyllis and I spent a wonderful three weeks in Toronto, Ontario Canada, in June staying with my youngest daughter Gillian and her husband and children. It was very hot and I realised that Toronto was almost on the same latitude as southern France, which had not occurred to me and quite changed my image of Canada as part of the 'frozen north'. Consequently, we were quite pleased to return to a much cooler, albeit, wetter July in England.

I was also pleased to return to a full 'postbag' of fresh articles for the Journal, covering as usual a variety of topics and all hopefully of interest to our readers. Regrettably this edition also includes reports on the deaths of several of our members.

The Parish Workhouse

Jane Bartlett.

Thomas Lord Onslow, the Lord of the Manor, on the 23rd March 1737, released, for the erection of a workhouse, to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Ripley and Send and other inhabitants, including Philip Jaques, Robert Boughton the younger, and Thomas Mabanke the younger, for the sum of five shillings, the parcel of ground in Ripley Green adjoining the garden of William Westbrook in the east, the road leading from Ripley to Newark in the south, and a ditch on the north being a parcel of the waste of the Manor of Send and Ripley containing by estimation 7 rods. This lease was for a year, and a rent of a peppercorn for a release on the last day of the year. This is the start of what was once the Poorhouse in Newark Lane. The original land given stretched from No.36 to Westward Ho, the last house on the north side of Newark Lane. The plaques on the front and rear of the building confirm a build date of 1738.



Ripley Almshouses – J Hassell 1820

Photo by Ken Bourne from original watercolour in Minute Library

It seems that the day-to-day running was contracted out and paid for from the Poor Rate, which the parish overseers fixed at vestry meetings. In November 1745 there was an agreement with John Coleman, butcher, to provide food, clothing and all necessities including burial with full use of the workhouse in return for £8-10s-5d monthly.

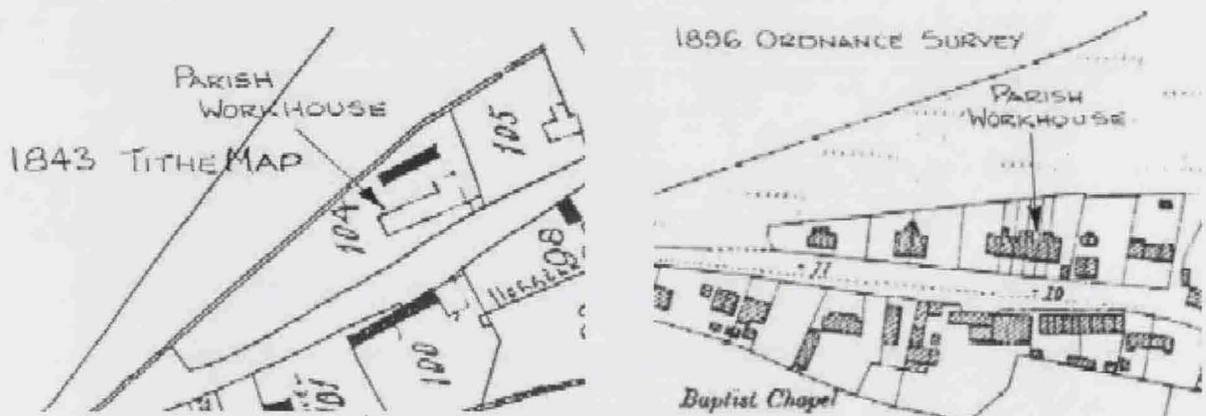
There must have been some inspection and control and, though I have not found any record of the inmates, there is an inventory of the contents taken by Mr Stone the churchwarden and one of the overseers on 27 July 1754. There was a kitchen with five tables, andirons, tongs, lanthorn, bacon rack, warming pans and candlesticks. There was a pantry, a brewhouse, and a sellar (sic). I can understand 4 drinktubs but I cannot envisage the need for a powdering tub. There are details of 9 "chambers". Chamber 2 for example had 1 iron bedstead, 2 bolsters, 1 chest, 1 chair, and 1 candlestick. Bedroom 3 had as well a quilt, 2 blankets, and a looking glass. There were two garrets at the top of the house. These had 3 'bedsteads' in each.

There were nine inmates in the house at that time.

After the Guildford Poor Law Union was formed in April 1836 there was no longer any need to keep a separate parish poor house, so the property was leased and the money used for the relief of the poor.

In February 1838, the Guildford Union with the churchwardens and overseers of Send and Ripley leased to Henry William Bund Smallpeice, saddler, the dwelling house "heretofore used as a workhouse" for a term of 21 years for a quarterly rent of £16.50. He was to keep it in "tenantable" repair, and at the end of the term peaceably and quietly yield it up to the churchwardens and overseers. He was to allow them to make use of the room called the vestry room for the purpose of holding parochial meetings and to provide sufficient chairs, tables and candles.

The property was only occasionally mentioned in Vestry meetings if repair work was needed, or when the current lease expired, but, although I can find no record, much must have gone on since the tithe map of 1843 and the Ordnance Survey map of 1870 (not shown), the semidetached April and Decot cottages (the present day numbers: 36 and 38), are included as well as the small brick lock-up. In the 1896 map, Yew Tree cottage (now Honeysuckle) and Fern Cottage as well as Westward Ho are shown. I can only assume that these were also rented out. However in 1891 the minute books of the Guildford Board of Guardians recorded a series of letters from Ripley Vestry. For example in November 1891, Francis Cotterell, the Ripley Overseer, complained about arrears of rent from certain occupants of the old workhouse. Mr Spooner another overseer said it was useless to try and recover the arrears and tenants should be served with notice to quit.



These maps copied by John Slatford from S&RHS archive copies

In May 1892, Francis Cotterel said that William Denby, one of the occupants, refused to quit despite the notice, and because of the frequent difficulties they were asking for consent for the sale of the property. In July, after a meeting of all Ripley ratepayers, the application for the sale was sent to the Local Government Board (under the provision of the local property act of 1835) and Ripley enquired whether the purchase money for the property could be expended in the erection of a vestry room and a parish hall.

In Oct. 1892 the Local Government Board recommended a sale by auction at the Talbot and that Earnest Ellis of Guildford be entrusted with the sale, but they were to exclude from the sale that proportion of the Ripley Parish property known as the Old Lock-up, but to retain it for the purpose for which it was then used, namely a place of storage for the fire hose and appliances, and the village lamps. This is the small brick building in front of the garden of No 42, now housing maintenance machinery.

Thus in February 1893, the Old Workhouse (then eight cottages) was sold for £455 to W.H.Tedder, grocer of Ripley. After the fees to the auctioneer and Messrs Smallpeice & Sons, the solicitors, £432-9s.6d was invested in 2¾% consolidated stock. The dividends were to be applied to the poor rates of the parish. Permission was not given for the money to be spent on the vestry or parish room.

I wondered how the original poor house had become eight cottages. John Hutson has kindly shown me the deeds of Honeysuckle Cottage. It, with Fern Cottage was sold by the Guardians of the poor of Guildford Union in February 1893 to William Tedder for £455-“All those eight freehold cottages formerly used as a workhouse” – so this was all part of the same sale.

Obviously many alterations have been made to the original workhouse build. There were in living memory 6 cottages, two of which were destroyed by bombing. The remaining four are now privately owned.



The cottages in Newark Lane – 2007

Photo by John Slatford

Horse Buses at The Anchor: 1874.

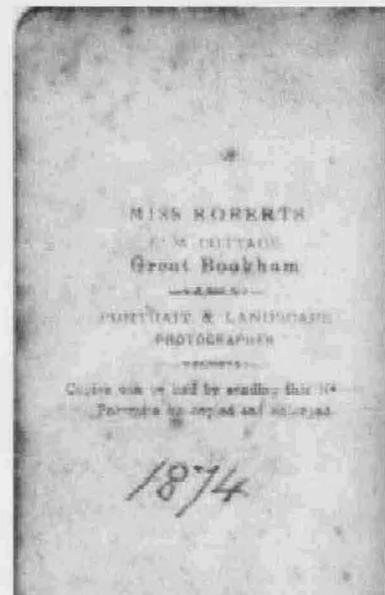
John Slatford



In Journal No 195, our editor jumped ahead of me by publishing The Anchor horse bus photograph before I was ready with my efforts to find out more about it. As he stated, it came to us via the Society's website from Carolyn Gilbert. I learned from her and from her cousin Valerie Baker that the photograph was found among family papers. They believed that one of their great-great grandfathers may have been in the group of passengers but also, since they had an idea that he had worked with horses and that he was a bus driver, he could have been the driver of one of these buses. If he was one of the drivers, it is more likely that he was elsewhere tending to the horses.

It is most likely that the group of passengers were on a day's outing specifically to Ripley (from the London area?) and that the organiser arranged by post for the photographer Rosa Roberts to come over from Great Bookham especially for the occasion. She was a professional photographer who lived at Elm Cottage in Great Bookham and worked there at least between 1871 and 1891. Little else is known about her except that she was born in Ostend around 1833 and never married. Leatherhead History Society has been unable to help.

George Shillibeer first introduced horse buses in London in 1829. He was a coachbuilder and had seen these buses operating successfully in Paris. Initially his buses were restricted in where they could pick up passengers because the hackney cabs had a monopoly in central London. Once this was ended, new bus services quickly sprang up with rival operators competing for passengers. Within a few years, many hundreds of these buses were operating on the streets of London. As a result of the competition, Shillibeer eventually became bankrupt and spent time in a debtor's prison. Generally, horse buses could carry 12 passengers but later designs had roof seats enabling as many as 25 passengers to be carried. Travelling in such crowded conditions was most likely a not very pleasant experience.



Back of Photo

It was normal for the buses to be drawn by two horses and, for each bus to stay on the road, a stable of 12 horses was said to be required. Horse bus services continued in London until the early 1900s when they were quickly superseded by the arrival of the motorbus. Also in the late 1800s, when tramlines were constructed, trams were horse drawn until the arrival of overhead power cabling.

The date hand written on the back of the photograph, 1874 (which is probably real), suggests that Ripley was already a popular destination with day-trippers before the cycling era. Unfortunately, we know of no other records of similar excursions. The horses are missing in the photograph but they would have been taken to stabling probably at the rear of The Anchor for rest and feeding.

A puzzling feature in the photograph is the post, some 26 feet (8 metres) tall standing in front of The Anchor, behind the furthestmost bus. Les Bowerman has been unable to find this in any of the many other Anchor photographs in his collection. Was it a flagpole? Probably too big in diameter and what was the fixture on the top? Surely it was too early to be a telegraph pole? Does anyone have any ideas?

The Lawrence Family

Peter Warren
June 2007

The earliest ancestors I could trace began with John Lawrence born 14th July 1773 to Richard and Elizabeth recorded in the christening register of St Peter's Parish Church, Old Woking.

John married Rebecca Holmes in 1794 and during the next 13 years they produced six children, Rebecca, Mary, James, Lazarus, Robert and Ann.

Lazarus, born in Maybury, Woking in 1802, was my Great-Great-Grandfather. In 1826 he married Rebecca Collins from Pyrford, Surrey. Lazarus' younger brother James witnessed the marriage at St Peter's church. Entry number 151 in the register, all three unable to write signed the registration certificate with their marks an (X). I traced eight children from this marriage: James, Emma, Mary, Ellen, Frederick, Harriett, Alfred and John (John died when only 2days old in 1841). Alfred, my great-grandfather was born in 1840.

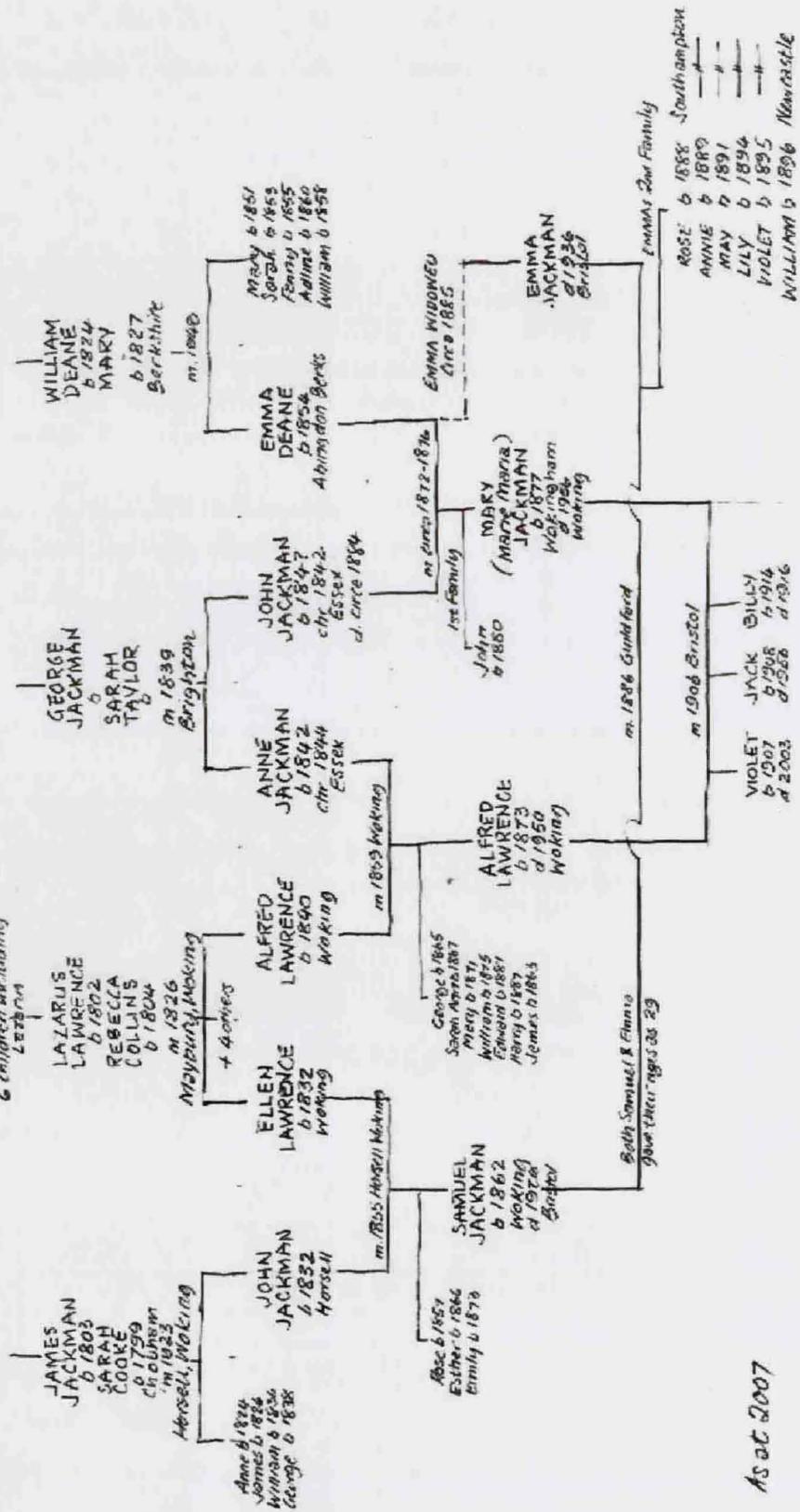
In the **1861 census** Lazarus occupation is stated as 'Beer House Keeper'.

In the **1871 census** Lazarus occupation is stated as 'Licensed Victualler' and his wife Rebecca 'Landlady' – they were running the Princess of Wales public house in Princess Road, Maybury, Woking.

Adjacent to the pub were Lawrence Cottages in which their daughter Ellen (b1832) lived with her family. Ellen had married John Jackman from Horsell; they had two children, Samuel (9) and Esther (3). Samuel married the widowed Emma Jackman 15 years later (see next paragraph).

In the cottage next to the Jackman's, lived Ellen's brother, Alfred Lawrence (b1840). He was married to Anne, she and her brother were from another Jackman family from Kelvedon, Essex. Alfred and Anne were my Great-Grandparents on the Lawrence side of the family, marrying in 1859. (Anne's brother John Jackman, later married Emma Deane and they were my Great-Grandparents on the Jackman side). After John's death in 1886, Samuel Jackman married widow Emma

JACKMAN/LAWRENCE/JACKMAN
FAMILY TREE



Three of Alfred and Anne's children George, Ann and Mary had been born at the time of the (1871) census. The next son, my Grandfather, was born in 1873. Other sons followed: William, Edward, Harry and James.

In the **1881 census** Lazarus was recorded as widowed and lodging with his son, Alfred, now a Licensed Victualler who was running the Princess of Wales Inn. Five children were living at the Inn, including my Grandfather Alfred, aged 8 years.

Ten years later the **1891 census** shows the Lawrence families still living in Maybury but the Akehurst family was then running the Princess of Wales. My Great-Grandfather Alfred (48) and family were living next door to the pub but he, with his son Alfred (18), were recorded as Bricklayer's Labourers.

In November 1891, Alfred Lawrence the younger enlisted in the Army at Guildford. After serving abroad in Malta and India for most of the next 12 years he resigned in December 1903 and on 3rd June 1906 married Marie Jackman in Bristol. Soon after my Grandparents moved to Arnold Road, Maybury Woking. My mother, Violet was born there in 1907.



**Alfred Lawrence
the younger**

Marie Jackman was born on 20th November 1877 in Wokingham. Her mother was Emma Deane, from a Berkshire family who in 1861 were living in Abingdon.

By the time The Great War had begun in 1914 Gran' (Marie) and Grandad (Alfred) had 3 children and were living at 'The Homestead', Cartbridge, Send.

Grandad enlisted again on November 3rd 1914. His documents recorded his children as Violet, John (later called Jack), and William. In 1916 William (little Billy) died aged 19 months and is buried at Send Parish Church.



**Circa-1925: Marie and Alfred Lawrence at rear of Cartbridge Laundry, Send.
My aunt Edie is in the background.**

My mother Violet grew up in Send. In 1920, she is listed in Send Church of England Village School Register, aged 13 years. During her childhood she made regular visits to our relations in Bristol and may well have had some education there?

She met my father, Jack Warren, whilst working in domestic service at Hook Heath and The Hockering Estate. They married in 1930 at Send Parish Church; her Bridesmaid was her best friend, Irene Gale from a well-known Send family.

Early postcards sent from Marie's sisters in Bristol to the Lawrence family show some addressed to 'c/o Mrs Berryman, The Homestead, Cartbridge'.

The semi-detached cottage may well also have been known as 'Burts Cottage' but later became 201, Send Road.

My Great Grandmother Emma and Marie's sister often visited Send and the storey goes that my Great Aunt Rose cycled from Bristol to Send. I believe the route to Ripley featured prominently for cyclists in the past?



Circa-1920. The Lawrence family at 201, Send Road. Violet, (my mother). Jack, Marie and Alfred. Sitting - thought to be Mrs Berryman - possible owner of the cottage?

I was born in 1931 at 201, Send Road but our home was in Westfield. My mother would regularly walk with me in the pram, many times through the week, from Westfield to Send. Later we would travel by 'bus from Red Lodge corner, Kingfield, to the New Inn, Cartbridge; the stone building at Old Woking corner making it difficult for the 'bus to negotiate. I think Blue Saloon coaches ran on this route for a while? Needless to say I spent a lot of my childhood at Cartbridge.

Circa-1925. My mother Violet Lawrence with friend and Violet's Uncle William Jackman, at the landing stage of the New Inn at Cartbridge Send

Copies of all photos for this article, unless otherwise stated, were supplied by Peter Warren. Editor.



Granddad, had at sometime worked in the boiler house of Cartbridge Laundry, which backed onto the Wey Navigation. As a small boy I remember walking through the laundry's steamy atmosphere and saw my Gran and other old (to me) ladies all busy ironing.

At the corner grocers I remember watching the bacon slicer, cheese being cut with wire and having delicious jam doughnuts from the shop latterly known as Gladdings Stores. I believe at the time it was run by Mr and Mrs Elms.

Earlier Gran would have taken me to buy sweets from a shop-come Post Office a few houses up on the left in Potters Lane, opposite the row of preserved cottages.

During the last war I have a recollection of standing at the cottage gate of 201 Send Road watching Italian prisoners of war marching past. We often clambered through the holly hedge at the bottom of the garden and climbed the Pine trees alongside the path leading to Potters Lane. These were removed to build, what we knew as 'The Police House'



C1920s. View of Send Rd from the New Inn, Cartbridge. Webbs, later Gladdings stores on the corner of Send Rd and Potters Lane.

Photo. From editor's postcard collection.

A few yards down the road, towards the New Inn, was a narrow path between high privet hedges leading to a little bungalow, behind Gran's cottage, where Mrs Church lived. I was about 10year old when 'Aunty' Church showed me how to paint pictures on glass using Black 'Japlac' and backed with silver foil (from Fry's chocolate cream bars and suchlike), and edged with passepartout tape.

Grandad died in 1950 and for a few more years Gran stayed on alone at the cottage, still with the brick privy at the bottom of the garden. My girlfriend Sheila (now my wife for 53 years) and I visited weekly and often changed the gas mantles (the only form of lighting) for Gran, who died in 1956.

Mum's brother Jack had worked as a porter on Woking Station for many years and was married to Edith Poulter, and they lived in Knaphill.

Uncle Jack also died in 1956. Their son Michael died in 2004.

My mother Violet lived in Send, Westfield and Priors Croft, Kingfield. She then spent a few years in 'Brockhill', the warden assisted flats in Goldsworth Park Woking, before becoming ill. She died in 2003 at the age of 96.



2007. Carbridge Close.
New houses were built on the site of 201 Send Road in the late 1990s.
Photo by Mark Warren

The Beach Buggies **(Update)** David Porter

Since reporting on Connaught Cars (1959) Ltd's, 'Beach Buggy' enterprise in Journal 194, I have been in contact with Frank Cann, who kindly provided the following additional information for which I am most grateful:

The Beach Buggy enterprise began in 1964. Three young men, Francis Cann, Roy King and Harry Harrington started producing the 'Buggies' from the small workshop vacated by Dickie Wigman, who carried out general maintenance for Connaughts. This small workshop stood to the left of the entrance gate at the Ripley end of the forecourt.

Following the demise of the 'Buggies', Harry Harrington left the UK and immigrated to Spain. Roy King and Frank Cann continued trading as Roy King Coachworks throughout the 1970s and '80s and occupied part of the old Connaught 'Citroen' workshop behind the forecourt. Fillipo Sapia who started as a Fiat mechanic in 1963 occupied the former 'Buggy' workshop until the Connaught complex was demolished. Fillipo Sapia and his son Giuseppe are still trading in Arnold Road, Maybury Woking.

Sendholme - Sunrise Camp

Report by Clare McCann

The summer arrived just in time for the Sendholme Sunrise Camp on the night of July 31st. Local Scouts, Cubs and Beavers gathered to mark the centenary of Scouting and camp overnight at Sendholme. At eight o'clock on the morning of August 1st they all renewed their scouting promise, as did scouts all round the world. Before this significant moment, the boys and guests heard from a scout leader from Bhutan – who had brought over boys from Bhutan to participate in a camp on Brownsea island – the birthplace of Scouting. He hopes that links can be forged between the boys of Send and the boys of Bhutan. The Mayor then told the assembled company a little about the founding of the Scouts and how Baden-Powell blew a Kudu horn at the original camp – Send had to satisfy themselves with a trumpeter. The vicar showed off a scar on his leg – a proud memento of a scout camp in the Lake District.



The boys all received badges to commemorate the camp, Hilary Cowan was presented with flowers as thanks for hosting the event and then balloons were set off to mark the occasion –almost as exciting as the breakfast that followed! The history society made its contribution by staging a small exhibition, which has now been transferred to the museum.

Café Closure

David Porter

Easter 2007 marked the closure of a long established café in Goldsworth Road, Woking. Trading for many years as 'Sandees' it was formally 'Jimmies Place'* during the 1950s and '60s. It was situated at the junction of Goldsworth Road and Church Street.

**I believe the café was founded by Jimmy Church and Michael Egley, both from Knaphill: Editor.*

During the 1960s the rooms above the café were let to Irish labourers working for Connaught Contractors. They were taken to and from their place of work on the back of the Ford tipper lorries sitting in small lightweight workmen's huts, which were also used as shelters on the building sites. Travelling in such a fashion today would contravene all sorts of health and safety regulations! The late William Callaghan who was my foreman fitter at Nick Claydon Ltd between 1977 and 1985 gave me the above information. Nick was one of Connaught Contractors first employees circa 1961. The café site is now earmarked for residential redevelopment.

Remembering Jim Nick Somerfield NDA.

It was with great sadness that I read the news of the death of Jim Oliver in the last issue (J195) of the excellent journal.

On reflection, I realised that I had known Jim for almost 65 years. My earliest recollections were of being marched along to St. Mary's Church on a regular basis with other pupils of Send Primary School by my Auntie Stella (Perrin) – the formidable Headmistress. We would see this huge and rather morose-looking farmer striding around his land at Send Court Farm and even at the young age of 5 or 6, I was greatly impressed by the man.

Seven or eight years later I was fortunate enough to be employed by Jim during my summer holidays from Woking Grammar School, for by then I was an aspiring farmer and anxious to learn everything possible about the industry for it was never easy to get into farming from the "outside".

Jim was an awesome instructor and didn't suffer fools gladly so I did my very best to please and learnt a lot in the endeavour. It was nevertheless difficult to tell whether he was satisfied or not for he was never free with any praise! However, many years later I was both flattered and very pleased when he took the trouble to visit us at our hill farm in Wales in the late sixties. He was much impressed with what we had achieved and actually said so!

I remember harvesting wheat with Jim's brother, Fred, on the Broadmeads. It was a 'bagger' combine and I recall Jim carrying a full hundredweight sack of corn under each arm and, with apparent ease, lifting each into the back of the Land Rover.

The brothers' approach to mechanization always impressed me. Jim drove a Series 1 Land Rover and an Austin 12/4 ex-London Taxi Cab – for which he always kept a spare engine in the workshop. He drove me to my various tasks in this cab and my bicycle fitted exactly between the front bumper-blade and the wings. I always feared it would fall off and be run over, but it never did.

The tractors were –an Allis Chalmers, Model B, a Caterpillar D2, a Massey Harris and a David Brown. There was nothing fancy, no gimmicks and – IT ALL WORKED!

I have survived here on my hill for 45 years only by trying to practice similar resourcefulness and frugality in this harsh environment. So many farmers have met financial ruin by massive investment in machinery bringing no direct return.

My mother (Sybil Somerfield) paid weekly visits to Send Court Farm to buy eggs and at the same time she and Flossie Oliver would have a good chat. Sometimes, Jim was grumpy and not at his sociable best. Mother would chastise him for it and he'd accept it – I would never have dared!

I met Fred at a farm sale in Wales in the '70s, and called on Jim and Flossie several years ago when we talked about old times and current farming fortunes. He didn't look well then but remembered everything and thoroughly entered into recollection mode.

I was sorry to have missed Jim's funeral but we must now rely on the Send and Ripley History Society's journals for much of the news so there is an obvious delay.

I offer my condolences to Annette and Elizabeth and say good-bye to Jim. Send will never be quite the same without him. In fact, to me, Jim was Send.

Alex Wood

1921-2007

An appreciation by Derek Bromley & Jean Turner

It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of Alex Wood, a onetime resident of Send, in his 86th year. Alex wrote a saga of his life in Send and of his wartime exploits as a bomber pilot including a period as a prisoner of war, which was published in 2002 in Journals 162 to 165.

The Bromley and Wood families had been neighbours and friends in Gresham Gardens, Send Road, in their early years. The Woods later lived in Send Close. Jean's memories of Alex and Betty (his wife, who pre-deceased him) start in the late 1940s when Hope Sanger was initiating organisations in the village and the Send Social Council started and set up the May Day celebrations with members of the different clubs, churches, etc., of which Alex, Betty and Jean were members for many years until support dwindled and the remaining funds were passed to the 1st Send (St Mary's) Scout group. There was a local hobbies exhibition and Alex also initiated the community carol singing in the Lancaster Hall every Christmas, having enjoyed joining in similar singing on Waterloo Station on his way home from his office.

Alex had been the leader of the 11F Brooklands Air Training Corps in Send and part of the Weybridge Squadron. From there some of the young men went on into the Royal Air Force.

Alex followed his father, George, onto Send Parish Council where he served for many years as he did on the Lancaster Hall Committee. Together with Betty he was a member of the Conservative Committee, helping at functions. As a member of the British Legion, he was involved in Parish Remembrance Services and in entertainments at the Star and Garter homes. Alex and Betty were a great loss to the village when they moved to Harpenden to be near their daughter Susan and family.

Jean has many happy memories both of times shared socially and on Committees. Alex and Betty gave her and her family great support when Jean's husband died 26 years ago. After they moved away from Send they kept closely in touch.

Both the Bromley and Turner families sent condolences to Susan who was, of course, devastated at losing both her parents within six months. They had both been so fit, with Alex playing golf to within a few weeks of his death. Thank you, Alex, for the unstinting work you did for Send.

West Surrey Family History Society Open Day

Woking Leisure Centre - Saturday November 3rd between 10.00am and 4.30pm. This increasingly popular annual event supported by many societies from the UK and overseas, will appeal to anyone interested in genealogy. With opportunities for questions and research you may complete that missing link? Our Society will again be there with a stall to display our documentary records and publications.

Offers of help with our stall are also welcome - just for an hour on the day. Call John Slatford 01483 222107.

Stanislaw Sowa

Obituary by Les Bowerman

Stanley Sowa (as we knew him) and his wife Patricia had been members of the Society for about ten years and used to be regular attendees at our open meetings until he was struck by a car emerging from the Launderette car park in Send Road as he was walking past. Since then he had not been at all well. Sadly he died on 31st July, aged 87. They had lived for many years at Carlton, near Mays Corner, and latterly at Sandmore.

Stanislaw Sowa

23 November 1919 – 31 July 2007



Derek and Jill Bromley, Keith and Lucy Taylor, and Anne and I as members of the History Society attended the funeral service on 14th August in St William of York Catholic church, Mays Corner, which was re-opened specially for the service, it having closed down recently.

Stan was born in Poland the year after the end of World War 1. He had a hard upbringing. As toys he had had various relics of the War, which were to be found lying around. At 16 he joined the Polish Army, coming home for Christmas three years later. That was the last time he saw his mother. At the start of World War 2 he was interned, but later went to the Middle East, in particular Iraq, being by then attached to the British Army. In that capacity Stan was awarded three medals for bravery, one of which was for saving the life of his Captain.

He did not return to Poland. Hating Communism, he settling instead in Send and worked for Holfords, the Guildford builders (where he got to know Derek Bromley). He subsequently worked for Tices for many years. In 1955 he married Patricia in St William's church, Send. It was not until 1998 and '99 that he paid a visit to Poland where he met some of the remaining members of his family.

Stan was very interested in local history, especially old buildings. He was a very gentle and knowledgeable man and a great helper of people. He left three sons, Jan, Stefan and Julian, and some grandchildren, to all of whom we extend our sympathy.

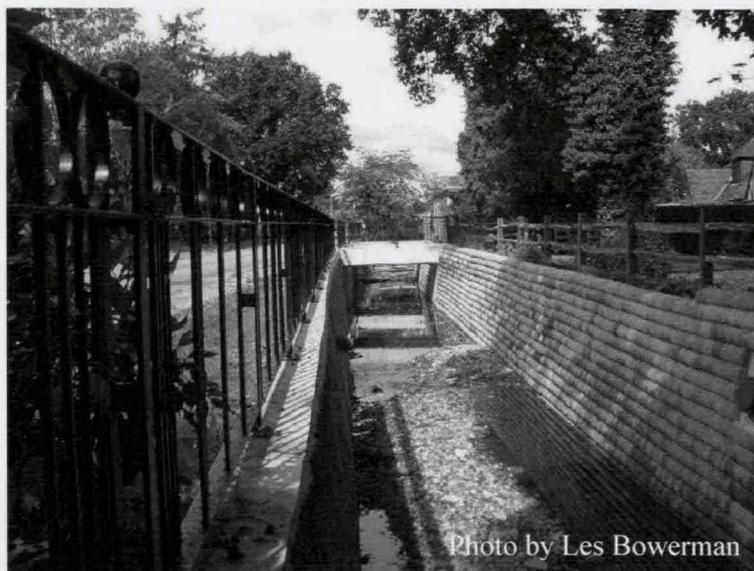
Reg King

We regret to announce the death in July of Reg King. Reg moved to Send in retirement and lived in Send Marsh Road. He was a member of the Society from 1998 to 2002. An extremely accomplished model-maker, he made for the Society, while a member, a scaled and detailed model of the working parts of the former Newark Mill which had long been regarded as the premier Surrey watermill, but which burned down in 1966 (see the Society's book *Newark Mill Ripley* written by Bob Gale).

Change in the Villages – Send Marsh

Les Bowerman

For five months this year culminating in July, flood prevention work has been carried out in Send Marsh Road at 'Send Dip'. The result has been that what was previously a cutting made by the stream beside the road, partially lined with sand-bags especially where it curves away from the road, now looks more like a smaller version of a concrete underpass on a trunk road. All being well, however, it will prevent flooding of the nearby houses. Whilst the work was being undertaken two-storey portacabin offices and heavy machinery were stored on the plot nearby where the Jarmans used to sell fruit and vegetables weekly from their mobile shop. A large hoarding informed the public in general terms what was happening.



The current issue of *Surrey Nature*, the magazine of the Surrey Wildlife Trust, gives rather more detail. The article explained that this was a "£400,000 project to reduce the risk of the East Clandon stream flooding homes". The area has been flooded three times in the last 30 years, the last time being in October 2000 when 16 properties in Send Marsh Road and Maple Road were inundated by up to a metre of floodwater. The causes are said to have been a blocked culvert (doubtless what we would call the bridge taking the stream under the road) and two driveway access bridges, which slowed the flow of water.

The article states that the stream was diverted in the 1870s to provide water directly to the nearby brick kilns. The Environment Agency's flood map apparently shows that, at times of extreme flood, the course of the stream is "likely to revert to the original natural valley now occupied by 140 homes" in the lower parts around Maple Road and up to Greyfriars Road. Although the stream may well have been channelled at some earlier stage, the 1871, 25" Ordnance Survey and indeed, the 1843 Tithe Apportionments map show it in much the same position as it is now. It would be interesting to know whether there is any evidence that the stream fed the kilns (which were on higher ground), or whether this is speculation.

Over the course of five months a 135m stretch of riverbank in front of three bungalows has been widened and raised with curved concrete sections in lieu of sandbags, and the access bridges to 'Brookfield' and 'Brookside' have been replaced at a higher level. A 240m length of concrete filled bags has been raised by three courses along the Maple Road side of the stream between the Send Marsh Road culvert and Garlick's Arch. The final measure was to replace the debris screen, which prevents the culvert from blocking, although at the time of writing there is no sign of this.

No attempt has so far been made to widen or scour the stream of debris or plant growth where it continues behind the properties on the north east side of Send Marsh Road.

Forthcoming Events

S&RHS indoor meetings start again in September and are held in the **Annexe of Ripley Village Hall at 8-0pm**. Other meetings as stated.

Note that the pre-advertised speakers for September and October have had to be swapped around.

Wednesday 19th September - *The Life of Lewis Carol* A talk by Eric Morgan.

(Note change of speaker and subject. Eric's son, Gavin, hopes to speak on the Guildford Guy Riots on a date to be agreed.)

Wednesday 17th October - *Heathrow from the Stone Age to the Jet Plane*. An illustrated talk by Nick Pollard of the Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society.

Saturday 27th October – Surrey Local History Symposium at the Chertsey Hall – 10am to 5.30pm. The theme is *Surrey Bridges & Tunnels*. For tickets in advance contact Les Bowerman before September 30th 2007.

Saturday November 3rd - West Surrey Family History Society Open Day

Woking Leisure Centre - between 10.00am and 4.30pm (see also notice on page 14).

Wednesday 21st November - *An Estate for all Seasons*. An illustrated talk about Cobham Park by David Taylor, M.A.

Wednesday 19th December - The Christmas Social. The usual mix of a festive buffet supper and entertainment, this time a medley of carols, readings and songs for Christmas provided by Sandra and Eric Morgan. Offers of help with food would be appreciated.

For further details of any of our events, please ring me, Anne Bowerman, on 01483 224876.

Museum Exhibitions

100 Years of Scouting

The current Scout Exhibition is entitled 100 years of Scouting and focuses on Send Scouts. It was put on in response to a request from Helena Findon-Browne, who was one of the organizers of the Sunrise Camp held in July. It is in support of the centenary celebrations and will run until the end of September or early October.

Edwardian Costume Exhibition

It is hoped that the Scout Exhibition will be followed in November by a costume exhibition relating to the Edwardian period. If any members have costume items, accessories or illustrations perhaps they could call me on 01483 728546 or email cricketshill@hotmail.com

Thanks Clare McCann

Journal Contributions: Closing date for the next edition is **Friday 2nd Nov. 2007**.



**SEND & RIPLEY
LOCAL HISTORY MUSEUM**

**OPEN: Saturday mornings: 10.0-12.30
Throughout the year
(Check bank holiday opening times).**

**Also open on 3rd Sunday of each month,
To coincide with Ripley Antiques Fair in
the Village Hall**

Other times for school groups and small parties by arrangement

Contact Les Bowerman on 01483-224876 if you require further information or wish to help in the museum.

HISTORY SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

'Ripley & Send Then and Now; The Changing Scene of Surrey Village Life'	(Reprinted 2006)	£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&7)	£4.00
'The Straight Furrow', by Fred Dixon		£1.50
'Ripley and Send – Looking Back'	(Reprinted 2007)	£9.00
'A Walk About Ripley Village in Surrey'	(Reprinted 2005)	£2.00
'Newark Mill Ripley, Surrey		£3.00
'The Hamlet of Grove Heath Ripley, Surrey'	(Reprinted 2005)	£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

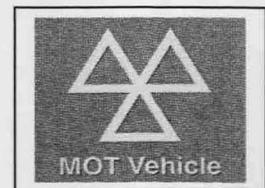
All the publications are available from the Museum on Saturday mornings, or from Ripley Post Office. The reprinted copy of 'Ripley & Send Then and Now' and 'Two Surrey Village Schools' can also be obtained from Send Post Office.



A.C.K Automotive Services

Portsmouth Road, Ripley, Surrey GU23 6EY.

Tel. 01483 225373



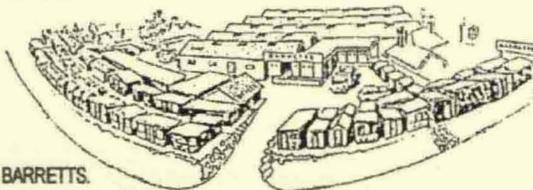
**Servicing all vehicle makes - Fully equipped workshop – Diagnostic equipment
Auto electrical servicing – Free air-conditioning check
Fast-fit exhaust: tyres and batteries.**

Barretts Garden Buildings Ltd.

PORTSMOUTH ROAD
RIPLEY,
SURREY GU23 6EW

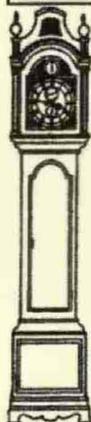


(01483)
224186



Buildings are made here at Ripley, ERECTED & GUARANTEED by BARRETTS.
We show about 50 varied buildings of all types. Showground always open.

Keith Blake-Roberts M.A.P.H.



EXPERT CLOCK
REPAIRS &
RESTORATION

*Member of the Association
of Professional Horologists*

(01483) 771123

Ripley Nurseries Ltd

Portsmouth Road, Ripley Surrey GU23 6EY
Tel:- 01483 225090 Fax:- 01483 225825
www.RipleyNurseries.co.uk

Your local Nursery since 1922 for
Conifers, Evergreen, Flowering
and Ornamental Trees and Shrubs
Spring - Summer - Winter Bedding
Alpines & Herbaceous Plants
Horticultural Sundries

Cut Flower
Weekly Fruit & Veg
Market

A family business
for 5 generation



Historically
New Malden, Wimbledon Park, Kingston Hill
Send and Ripley

www.ripleyhorseandrider.co.uk

*Ripley
horse & rider*

67 High Street, Ripley, Surrey, GU23 6AN
01483 479 466
Open Tuesday to Saturday 9.30-5.30 Sunday 11.00-4.00
Closed Monday.

J. HARTLEY ANTIQUES Ltd

Tel: 01483 224318



*Specialising in
Edwardian, Queen Anne,
Georgian & Regency Furniture.
Trade and Export*

Mon-Fri 9-5.30
Sat 9.30-4

186 High Street, Ripley,
Surrey GU23 6BB.



92 Send Road, Send
Nr. Woking, Surrey
GU23 7EZ

For all your Car needs.
New & Second-Hand Cars.
Repairs & Servicing.

Tel. 01483 222207/222125. Fax. 01483 222384
Mobile: 07831 335590

HIGH STREET
RIPLEY

Wills & Smerdon

Inc. Goodrick-Meech

SALES
LETTINGS

FOR A FREE VALUATION PLEASE CALL THE RIPLEY OFFICE ON 01483 224343
WWW.WILLSANDSMERDON.CO.UK

Ripley Post Office

High Street, Ripley
Surrey GU23 6AA

New Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.30 pm
Saturday 9.00 am to 12.30 pm

Motor vehicle licensing, travel insurance and currency

Banking for Alliance & Leicester, Lloyds TSB, The
Cooperative Bank, Cahoot and smile.co.uk

Farmer's Market

On Ripley Village Green

2nd Saturday of the month

9am – 1.0pm

www.ripleyfarmersmarket.co.uk



For a free market appraisal
contact the Ripley office:

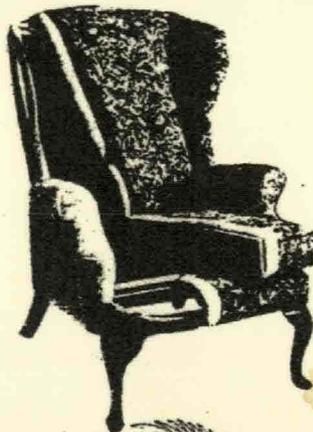
01483 211644

www.seymours-estates.co.uk

e-mail: sales@seymours-ripley.co.uk

REUPHOLSTERY

Sofas and chairs
renovated and
recovered in our
own workshops.



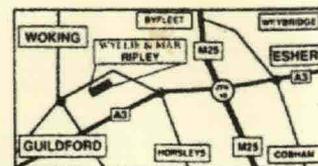
Large fabric
selection
available.
Free quotes.

HIGH STREET, RIPLEY, SURREY

WYLLIE & MAR

TEL: GUILDFORD (01483) 224455

(W.B. GREEN LIMITED)



FREE PARKING