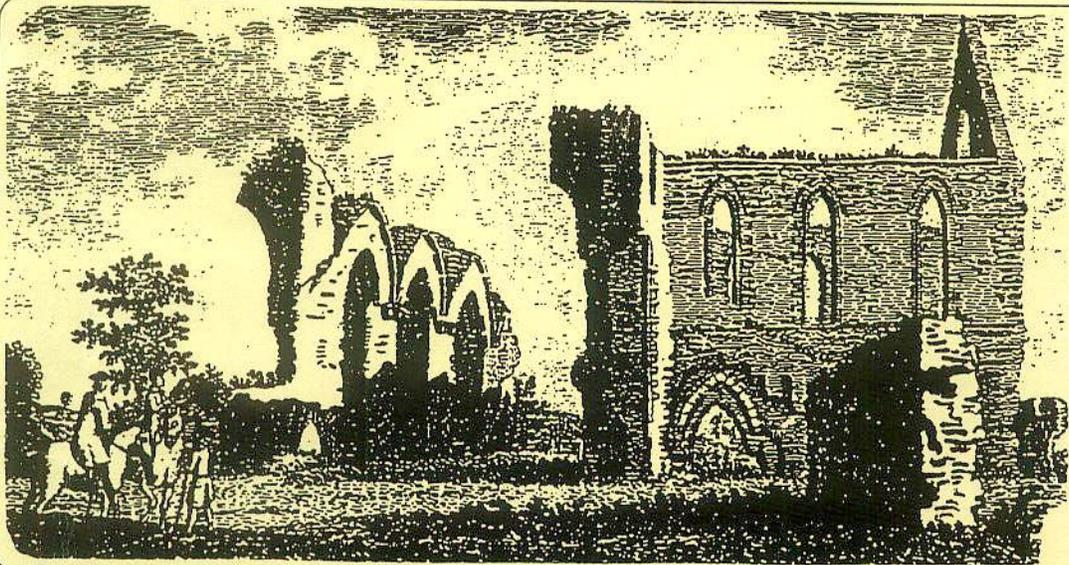


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Cover Illustration: The "New Times" coach outside the Talbot (1880s). This was run by Mr Walter Schoolbred between 1879 and 1891 as a nostalgic attempt to revive the coaching era, which ceased when the railways came from the 1840s onwards.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

The AGM held on February 27, being the 22nd since the Society was formed in 1975, reminds us that by the year 2000 the Society, if it is still in being, will be 25 years old. With all the preparations and the publicity given to the millennium, it is hoped that the Society will take part in some activity, or produce a publication to commemorate not only our 25th anniversary, but the beginning of a new century.

We were very sorry to lose Ted Goldup from the Committee, but wish him, and his wife, Rita, well in their period of retirement. Knowing Ted and Rita, we are sure they will be busier than ever, and, as members of the Society, will continue to keep in touch and ensure we are well informed on local matters, particularly agricultural matters and farm machinery.

Two new members have now joined the Committee: Clare McCann, who has recently distinguished herself in setting up the "Public Houses of Send and Ripley" Exhibition and assisted in the new exhibition on transport, and also David Porter, who contributes many articles to this Newsletter and has been much involved in the new transport exhibition. We welcome them both.

A résumé of the AGM has been produced by our Secretary, Audrey Sykes, so I will not cover this ground again, but would like to reiterate my particular thanks to Geoff and Chris Parker for their assistance in helping to produce the Newsletter, and also to all the contributors who make the Newsletter possible.

A BRIEF RÉSUMÉ OF THE 22nd AGM OF THE SOCIETY

Held on February 27 1997 at the Church Room, Send

Twenty-eight members gathered for the above event.

After reading and signing of the minutes of the 21st AGM, there being no matters arising, the meeting proceeded with the Annual Reports.

Ken Bourne, President, paid tribute to the dedication to the Society of Les Bowerman, Chairman, with his vast knowledge of both Send and Ripley villages and their inhabitants. Marilyn Scrace, Treasurer, was praised for her clear accounting; we shall be sorry to lose her, due to her job promotion, though she will do her best to carry on until a replacement is found.

Audrey Sykes, Secretary, continues to produce the minutes of all meetings, as well as dealing with the correspondence, and this was much appreciated.

George Bleach's single-handed efforts in selling advertising space means that our Newsletter is virtually self supporting financially. We shall be sorry to lose Ted Goldup from the Committee with his great fund of local knowledge and his comments on matters, both past and present. And last but not least, thanks are due to Tony Medlen, Vice-President, who is always willing to help out in any capacity, and Alan Baker, for not just being there, but also being a contributor to the Newsletter from time to time.

Our Chairman, Les Bowerman, endorsed all that Ken had said, not forgetting the contribution to the smooth running of the museum from John and Bette Slatford. Also for the 22nd year, our deep gratitude to Chris and Geoff Parker for the typing of the Newsletter.

We then came to the election of officers.

President: Ken Bourne, proposed by Tony Medlen, seconded by Jean Carpenter.

Vice-President: Tony Medlen, proposed by Bette Slatford, seconded by Lyn Mileham.

Chairman: Les Bowerman, proposed by Jane Bartlett, seconded by Alan Baker.

Treasurer: Marilyn Scrace, proposed by John Slatford, seconded by Jane Bartlett.

Secretary: Audrey Sykes, proposed by Joyce Mills, seconded by David Porter.

The Committee of up to 12 were re-elected, with the exception of Joyce Mills and Ted Goldup, and two new members were elected as follows:

SEND & RIPLEY HISTORY SOCIETY
(Established 1975 as Send History Society)

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996

	1996	1995
	£	£
INCOME		
Subscriptions	1,010	974
Publication Sales (Net Profit)	384	247
Sundry Income	232	382
Donations & Funds Raised for Museum	149	241
Income from Investments	132	164
	-----	-----
	1,907	2,008
	-----	-----
EXPENDITURE		
Museum Expenditure	47	67
Newsletter (Net cost)	422	566
Society Groups	119	280
Miscellaneous Expenses	867	648
Anniversary Dinner (Net Cost)	-	207
	-----	-----
	1,455	1,768
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EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME RESERVES BROUGHT FORWARD	452 6,982	240 6,742
RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD	7,434	6,982
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SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1996

	1996	1995
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	1	1
CURRENT ASSETS	7,917	7,484
CURRENT LIABILITIES	(484)	(503)
	-----	-----
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	7,434	6,982
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Approved by the Committee on 26th February 1997 and signed on their behalf by:

M. J. Scace Chairman
M. J. Scace Treasurer

AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SEND & RIPLEY HISTORY SOCIETY
I have audited the accounts of the Society set out on pages 2 & 3 which have been prepared following the accounting policies set out on page 3.

In my opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31st December 1996 and of its financial activities for the year then ended.

AH FINN FCA
26th February 1997

SEND & RIPLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS - 31ST DECEMBER 1996

- 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES
Basis of accounting
The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The accounts are stated on an accruals basis and include income and expenditure as they are earned and incurred.
- 2 FIXED ASSETS
Cost
At 1/1/96 & 31/12/96 487

Depreciation
At 1/1/96 & 31/12/96 (486)

Net Book Value
At 31/12/96 1
=====

Since its formation the Society has had in its possession various items, most of which have been donated, on which it is not possible to put a value. These are held in Trust and are not included in the Assets. A list is available for inspection by members.

- 3 CURRENT ASSETS
Stock of Publications (Note 6) 1,720 1,963
Cash at Bank 3,006 2,709
Cash at Building Society 2,693 2,610
Cash in Hand 498 202

7,917 7,484
=====

- 4 CURRENT LIABILITIES
Subscriptions prepaid 200 386
Sundry Creditors 284 117

484 503
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- 5 RIPLEY MUSEUM
The ownership of the building is vested in the Ripley Hall Management Committee. The Society has the exclusive right to use the building free of rent for perpetuity. The costs of refurbishing and equipment are charged to Income & Expenditure in the year of expenditure.

- 6 STOCKS OF PUBLICATIONS
The stocks are valued at cost, less due allowance for slow moving items.

Clare McCann, proposed by Jane Bartlett, seconded by Bette Slatford.

David Porter, proposed by Ken Bourne, seconded by Jane Bartlett.

The remaining members of the Committee, Patricia Medlen, Anne Bowerman, George and Irene Bleach and Alan Baker, were re-elected.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.47 pm for refreshments, and this was followed by a talk by John Buckingham, illustrated with slides, showing many of the artefacts he had found near Newark Priory over the last 20 years.

Audrey Sykes

RIPLEY SCHOOL BELL

Some 16 years ago, when the old Ripley National School, next to the church (the site is now Church Row), was about to be demolished, the late Gerald Hill, a Churchwarden and member of this Society, found, tucked away, the old bell which had summoned generations of Ripley children to school. Fearing that it might disappear in the demolition, he took it into safe keeping.

As the theme of the Surrey Local History Symposium a couple of years later, in 1983, was "Schools", the Society was able to borrow the bell for display. It was cleaned up and Ted Goldup fitted it up with a massive piece of timber, pivoting on an iron stand, so that it could be rung. It was then transported to Dorking, where it formed the centre-piece of our stand, and indeed it was rung to announce the opening of the symposium. Afterwards, if memory serves correctly, it was felt right to pass it on to the present-day Ripley Church of England Primary School, where it has been ever since.

Last year Ripley & Send Rotary Club member, architect Arthur Andrews, designed what the "Guildford Diocesan Herald" rightly calls a tabernacle (a roofed shelter) to house and display the bell. The Rotary Club financed the building of the shelter in brick, and rehung the bell in it.



At an informal gathering of the school on 20 January 1997, attended by the school managers, representatives of the diocese, the Rotary Club and the Ripley Police, Headteacher Mary Wild, and other members of the school, former pupils, including John Hutson, who started there in 1935, and others, including Yours Truly on behalf of the Society, the Rev Canon A Chanter, Diocesan Director of Education, officiated at the blessing of the bell in the school courtyard, where it is planned to ring it every school day. Pupils, James Fluker and Alexandra Lomax, had the honour of pulling the first chimes.

As John Hutson pointed out, the bell bears the date 1847 (the year the Ripley School was built, to the design of Henry Woodyer), which is precisely 150 years ago.

The ceremony was reported in the "Surrey Advertiser" and in the "Diocesan Herald".

A photograph of the occasion appeared in the "Diocesan Herald". Also shown here is a photograph of the bell at the Society stand at Dorking in 1983.

Les Bowerman

NEW PUBLICATION

THE HAMLET OF GROVE HEATH

By Bette and John Slatford

In the last Newsletter, our Editor announced that a new Society book was to be published. We are pleased to report that we have just received the print run from the printer, and that the book is now available at the museum and at Ripley Post Office. There may also be other outlets in due course.

The book deals with the history of the Grove Heath area, its houses and the families who have lived there, in some cases, over a period of some 400 years. We hope it will be interesting for all members, but especially those with family history interests in the area.

The price of the book, which has 44 pages, is £4.

Editor's Note: The book was available at the last meeting in Send and has sold very well. Having purchased a copy, I can recommend it to anyone interested in genealogy, as it is full of local family names, and also, more particularly, shows the changes in the occupancy and use of the buildings and land in this particular area, near Ripley, from the 16th century to the present day.

CHANGES IN RIPLEY (continued)

By John Slatford

Since I last noted the changes going on around us nearly a year ago, several new projects have reached completion and work has also continued on restoration.

The new office building on the White Hart car park site, Procon House, is finished and occupied, and its next door neighbour on the old bank site, to be called Priory House (it should have been Bank House!), is now complete. From the planning point of view, it is unfortunate that permission was granted in a way that allowed the two buildings to be so close and actually touch at gutter level.

The restoration of the old Pinnocks Café is nearing completion, and it is very gratifying to see how successful the owner, Mike Herwig, has been in retaining and enhancing the features of this most interesting building. This has been achieved despite his problems in obtaining

conservation approval for replacing the windows, in support of which we were able to produce photographic evidence showing the building as it was nearly 100 years ago.

In Rose Lane, the old Dowells shop has now gone and the new entrance to the house has been constructed. Externally the front is otherwise unaltered, but extensive restoration continues internally.

It was a great relief to learn that the Manor House, formerly Manor House Antiques, had been sold, and even more so when we found that the purchaser, Brian Lawrence, was embarking upon a major restoration. The house had been sadly neglected in recent years and this has not helped the impression one would expect to gain of Ripley as a well kept and attractive village. Brian has tackled the restoration most sympathetically, and without doubt, the house, which we understand will revert to being a private residence, will enhance this end of Ripley. During the restoration, we collaborated with the Domestic Buildings Research Group to study the building. Whilst our findings of several years ago were generally confirmed, there were interesting new observations on the brickwork at the front, which was given varying dates of construction.

At the other end of the village, Little Barn, at long last, has a new owner, who is having a lot of work done to restore and modernise the property. As part of this, we understand that one of the buildings to the rear of the chemists shop will be converted, so as to revert to its original residential use.

A change late last year was the sudden departure of the Key Garage from the Gibbs site, otherwise known as Lovelace Works. From the car enthusiasts's point of view, the variety of classic and vintage cars on sale there always aroused great interest. It has not taken long for new businesses to be attracted to the site, and we understand that the occupant at the front, CRM Trading Ltd, is a computer company, and that the rear part is to be a warehouse for perfumery products.

Another change which must not go unrecorded is the retirement of Mrs Ivy Doody as caretaker of Ripley Village Hall. Ivy had served in this capacity, in all weathers and at all hours, with never a day off, since the hall was opened 23 years ago. She is now enjoying a more than well earned rest, and as one of the regular customers, the Society must thank her for all the help she has given over the years. The new caretaker is Mrs Sarah King.

STEVIE AND FRANK SUTTON

By Ken French

I read in Newsletter 129 the account of Stevie Sutton, who lived in the outhouse building of 97 Send Road. Stevie was my grandfather's school friend, who, according to Father, followed Grandfather wherever and whenever he moved. I have no idea of his profession, but in his early days his interest was in photography.

His only son, Frank, took this up as a career, opening his own portrait studio in Wellingborough, Northants, and experimenting in new techniques of development. The clarity of his finished photographs earned him some acclaim, but not enough reward, so he moved to New Zealand. In that new country, the name of Frank H Sutton earned him both fame and fortune. The two pictures of Boughton Hall on page 3 and page 7 of Newsletter 122 were taken by him in his new technique of black and white, and I give the Society two pictures he took of my family on the lawn at Goodgrove. The first is finished in sepia and the second, with that sharp clarity of his new style, includes both the Suttons. In the back row, from the left, are my father, Kenneth James, my Aunt Mildred, my grandfather, George French, an unknown (perhaps the neighbour in 2 Goodgrove), and Steve Sutton; in the front, my grandmother, Mary French, Uncle Robert, probably the neighbour, and on the right, Frank Sutton himself - did he run quickly

or use a time delay mechanism? Jean Anderson's description of Stevie Sutton as a bad-tempered man was perhaps true. His wife had died, his only son moved to the other side of the world, and when he came to be near his friend, George French suffered a stroke, which left him paralysed, bed-ridden and unable to talk. Although Stevie did visit in the early days of Grandfather's illness, my grandmother explained that he could not bear to see George in this condition and became even more morose.

Editorial Notes

The first photograph referred to in the above article is also reproduced here, and shows the French family group: from left to right, standing, Kenneth James, George, Robert George, and sitting, Mary and Mildred Jane.

The original photograph of Boughton Hall referred to by Ken above is in the possession of the Society, and is indeed an exceptionally good photograph. There were many techniques for finishing silver prints other than sepia toning, using other metallic solutions, some of which had the ability to enhance the print, giving it a slightly three D effect. It is hoped that through the assistance of the Royal Photographic Society, we may be able to determine what process was used by Frank Sutton, in due course.

We are again very much indebted to Ken French for this article and many others he has submitted, and continues to provide, which are invaluable as an insight into the lives and activities of people who have lived in Send during this century and the last one.



SEND SURGERY (59 SEND BARNS LANE)

My parents moved into this house at the above address in September 1949, myself being carried indoors for the first time two months later. By 1951 the doctor's surgery formerly held at 43 Send Barns Lane, the home of Mrs Mellis, had moved into the front sitting-room.

Send village, with a far smaller population than today, had a surgery practice headed by Dr Roland Moody. However, it was the practice in West Clandon, which held a Send surgery three days a week, that was destined to occupy my home for the following decade and beyond.

This practice was headed by Dr Winslow-Smith of East Horsley. I clearly recall his fine car, either an SS Super Special, or a large Jaguar, which displayed very large chrome headlamps.

Perhaps more easily recalled by former patients are Dr C P Wallace and his wife, Mrs Lucy Wallace, who was also a doctor. Mrs Wallace was fond of painting and examples of her work could be seen on the waiting room wall at "Whitecroft", West Clandon, where they lived and where the Clandon surgery was held. Several doctors formed the practice, including Dr David Williams, Dr John Taylor and Dr Watson.

My parents and I soon became well known and accepted as villagers in Send, due to the surgery at our home. When I started school at the old Send Primary on Send Hill in January 1955, I was frequently confronted by other pupils in my infant class who claimed to know my father very well. Many took a lot of convincing that my father was not a doctor!

Surgery hours were 3 pm to 4 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Fridays an evening surgery was held between 6 pm and 7 pm. For a short period during the late 1950s, a half-hour surgery was held on Tuesday, between 2.30 pm and 3 pm. This was purely for maternity only, and was always attended by Dr Taylor.

Our front sitting-room became the Consulting Room and was heated by an open coal fire. A folding table was supplied by the practice. The heavy metal filing cabinet containing the patients' records was lifted onto this table by my mother when preparing the room for surgery to commence. When not in use, the cabinet was safely stored away in the cupboard beneath the stairs.

Patients waited in the hall on a folding bench seat (again supplied by the practice), which only held four or five people. On busy days, or because of a late arrival by a doctor, a number of patients sat on the stairs, perhaps feeling unwell and unable to stand for long periods. Others stood in the front porch. The front door was left open about ten minutes prior to the surgery hour. This house was not on the telephone throughout the surgery years, but no pre-arrangements were necessary. The patients simply walked in, sat down and waited for the doctor to arrive! Most arrived on foot - very few owned cars.

Few people were able to afford a telephone, many using the familiar red public call boxes, then equipped with A and B buttons (STD had not arrived!). All calls were made by the GPO operator. For those wishing to phone a doctor, the telephone numbers were listed by the doctor's name on a small metal plate attached to the iron railings beside our single front gate. The plate was painted black and professionally signwritten in white paint. The numbers were simple - East Horsley 54 for Dr Winslow-Smith, Clandon 74 for the surgery at "Whitecroft", the residence of Dr Wallace!

Throughout the polio epidemic in 1956, when schoolchildren such as I were vaccinated to combat this dreadful illness (up to four times), this friendly and trustworthy surgery continued unabated. Everyone respected each other and, in this case, our home. Nothing was ever stolen, in spite of the open front door. Theft never entered our minds.

Circa 1964, the surgery was transferred to the Drill Hall (now Lancaster Hall) in Send Road, and was held in two rooms on the ground floor. Subsequently it was transferred to its current building next to the Church Room when the Clandon practice finally withdrew from the Send surgery.

David Porter

RAILWAY RELICS

During the 1950s, my mother and I often embarked on an afternoon walk in and around Send during weekdays. Sometimes accompanied by friends after leaving the old Primary School at 3.30 pm, we trudged along many rural footpaths.

I recall walking along the path (and driveway) linking Polesden and Papercourt Lanes. To our left was the large site of Hall & Co (now Hall Aggregates), and to our right the site occupied by Norcons, who made very large drainage pipes of all shapes and sizes. These pipes were strewn over a wide area, which was overgrown, and beneath the undergrowth a narrow gauge industrial railway could just be seen. The rail track was approximately 2 ft gauge and ran the full circumference of the field in which the pipes were stored.

At a very weed-ridden location behind the hedge in Papercourt Lane was a set of points in the track, which, if desired, gave the industrial train of wagons access to the very centre of the field of pipes.

Needless to say, I was eager to see this railway in action; however, another ten years were to elapse before my wish was finally granted. On a very warm summer's day, a cool evening walk along Papercourt Lane (c 1965) with a schoolfriend coincided with a Norcon employee preparing the industrial train in the yard, where the rails were set in concrete. The short train consisted of about four flat wagons, hauled by a strange locomotive with no cab. This was, I believe, petrol driven.

My patience was soon rewarded when it slowly made its somewhat precarious journey from the concrete yard and into the "jungle" which followed Papercourt Lane! The driver stopped near my friend and me for a chat, as he had noted our fascination, and was kind enough to allow us to "take a closer look"! Not long afterwards, the firm of Redland Pipes took over from Norcons and today nothing remains.

A similar industrial railway existed at Brockham, near Dorking, at this time, and has since been taken to Amberley Chalk Pits Museum in Sussex, preserved by enthusiasts. It is likely that some of the Papercourt Railway may have gone to Brockham; however, I seek confirmation of this.

Still at Papercourt, the field opposite the former Norcon site today still contains the body of an early railway carriage which finished its life as a chalet, or temporary home. Perhaps someone can confirm its history? May I suggest that it could have started life as a four or six wheeler (without bogies)? I also believe the carriage may have been gas lit in original form and had a clerestory roof - Perhaps a restoration project for the future?

David Porter

MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

The following items have been donated to the museum by Mrs Nell Lewis, 98 High Street, Ripley:

- 3 - Silk embroidered postcards, c 1917.
- 1 - Paper knife with early PO prices on it.
- 1 - Pair of steel framed spectacles in shagreen case, date unknown.
- 1 - Medal won at Rifle Club.

MUSEUM

NEW EXHIBITION

Thanks to the initiative of David Porter and the industry of Jane Bartlett and Les Bowerman, assisted by Clare McCann, a new exhibition concerning the transport in and around Send and Ripley, approximately covering the period 1850-1950, and entitled "From Horse-Drawn to Horsepower", has been set up in the museum. This is a fascinating exhibition, well worth a visit, to see how times have changed in the last 100 years, from stage coach, horse-drawn vehicles, carts and delivery vans to the motorised era of charabancs, delivery vans and farm machinery, all used locally, many local businesses, stores existing into the 1950s, but now no longer providing that personal delivery service taken for granted by many of our ancestors.

The exhibit by Les Bowerman illustrates, however, the importance of the bicycle, both as individual means of transport and for delivery of goods, and how the remarkable growth of this form of transport for the masses grew from the 1880s and is still currently popular to this day.

The display of photographs and artefacts, plus descriptive text, can be seen every Saturday morning between 10 am and 12.30 pm.

MICROFICHE READER

Bette and John Slatford have a microfiche reader surplus to their requirements and would be happy to give it free to anyone who would like to have it for their research work.

Contact John or Bette Slatford on Guildford 222107.

MEMBERSHIP

Due to Bill Sykes' illness, we are unable to provide up-to-date information on membership, although we understand renewals of membership are proceeding at a very satisfactory rate, and we hope in the next Newsletter to give the figures as usual. Bill is continuing to make good progress and we wish him well. Any queries or inquiries regarding membership should be directed, in the meantime, to George Bleach.

The following is an extract of a letter received by George Bleach from Mr R P J Dunn:

"Dear Mr Bleach, may I start with congratulating your team who produce the monthly mag. I have found it very interesting and like it so much that my wife and myself would like to become members, so would you please find enclosed a cheque for £8, which is the yearly sub and postage.

"I was born in Send, or rather Burnt Common, and have often thought of writing to the mag, recalling some memories of my early days leading up to the outbreak of World War 2. I must make time to do it. You may find something useful to print.

"Yours etc, R P J Dunn."

We thank Mr Dunn for his kind comments and not only welcome him as a member, but look forward to receiving notes of his reminiscences.

Editor

NATURAL HISTORY - WINTER VISITORS JANUARY 1997

By Jane Bartlett

We are used to having Northern birds coming South in the winter, but the last few weeks have given us a spectacular sight. Papercourt Lake was frozen over, save for one small patch, and this open area was crowded with birds. There were over 20 each of tufted duck, pochards and goosanders, and lurking amongst them was a shoveller, a red-breasted merganser and a goldeneye.

I felt worried for the four great crested grebes which dive and reappear some distance away. I wondered what happens when they come up under ice!

Across the road on the fields alongside Newark Lane were the redwings and the fieldfares, perhaps from Scandinavia, also skittering flocks of redpoles, linnets, goldfinches, and a few brambling feeding on the seedheads. Between Barataria and the canal were snipe, and, to my surprise, an unexpected curlew.

COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ISSUES

By Ken French

Newsletter No 129 - Front Cover

The coach on the front cover was owned by Conway West, who were first in Old Woking where Leigh's garage is. When coaches developed with hard tops, they branched out to garage these in Hipley Street, in tall garages built on the lefthand side.

The business prospered and they acquired garages in Woking. These were located on the corner site of Guildford Road and Station Road and Duke Street, both with petrol sales and car showrooms. Later these were closed down and the Wests retired to farm on the Woking and Chobham Road at Mimbridge.

Newsletter No 129 - Blue Saloon and Aldershot & District Bus Company

The article written by David Porter, with subsequent comments by Pat Clack in Newsletter No 130, were extremely interesting, and I offer the following comments from our own personal experiences.

Father and I were present on a Blue Saloon, the last to leave Guildford for Send, I believe, and a jolly affair it was. I remember a passenger who was a chauffeur at the Three Fords house in Potters Lane, and was extremely merry, and most of the others were singing. Not so the owners of the buses, the Lock family, who had been forced to give up their operating routes to the then London Transport Company.

The case made headline reading in the "Surrey Advertiser": the hearing was in Caxton Hall, London, about 1938.

Of interest to David Porter, and others, I hope: the Aldershot Bus Company had built and owned houses for their employees to rent locally in Moor Lane, Westfield, Nos 12 and 13. These were detached with large gardens, and set back from the road. I guess they owned others as their buses covered a large area. Dennis, the Guildford coach builders, owned houses in Onslow Village and other sites, as did Unwins, the printers in Old Woking, who built houses in the 1930s for their employees to rent at Gresham Gardens, Send Road. These were sold by Unwins in the latter part of the 1939-45 war. Jack and George Newland, the Horsell and Woking coal

merchants, were the purchasers, the price being £1100 the lot, sold at auction, I think. Jack Newland, being a friend of my father, was a carpenter by trade, and had worked with Father at Harris, the builders of High Street, Woking. They worked together in the pre-1914-18 war period at Sutton Place.

Dennis and the Aldershot Bus Company started selling their properties soon after the 1950s to help their cash flows. If they had kept these and sold them during the boom of the 1980s, what a difference that might have made.

Newsletter No 130 - Further Comments on the Sex Family *by Ken French*

Regarding the comments by Pat Clack and Roland Mells concerning the article by Colin Perris in the previous Newsletter (see page 10 Newsletter 130). I would like to add the following information.

*"St. Annes"
Send Hill
Dec: 23rd 1923
Received of Mr. J. French
(as)
Fees for Kindergarten class
£2 2s 0d
With Thanks
- M. F. F. Sex*

*General Report
Jean is a splendid worker
she has done a good
term's work & behaved
very nicely.
Marjorie F. F. Sex*

My sister, Jean, and I both attended Marjorie Sex's kindergarten classes at St Annes, Send Hill, leaving when Marjorie Sex's first baby was expected. Enclosed is a copy of an account for three months and a report for the period September to December 1923. (These copies are rather faint, but they show that the fees for three months were £2 2s and the subjects taught were reading, writing and arithmetic, plus handiwork and poetry. - Ed.)

Roland Mells is correct in saying she was a charming woman. This was witnessed, I am sure, by her old Class 2 pupils whom she taught at Send C of E School back in 1932/3, also the pleasure when she took a class if any teacher was ill. With her certain way of teaching, she could command the utmost attention. It is also true that those children lucky enough to attend the kindergarten did well in later schooling. Anybody attending school with Roland Mells will not be surprised at the rank he attained in the Services, least of all Headteacher Rogers, if he were still alive.

Roland Mells' mother, when District Nurse, attended at the birth of most of us, but her other claim to fame was the cycle rides she undertook along the old A3 in her advanced years, using the machine she had ridden for many years.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 5 - May Day Fete, Send

The History Society will again have a stall and will have for sale the History Society's publications, plus many items of bric-a-brac and a secondhand book stall.

Anyone wishing to provide items for sale (not clothes), please contact Audrey Sykes or Patricia Medlen as soon as possible. Help with the stall for this very pleasant event is also welcome.

Sunday, June 8 - Conducted Tour of Gunpowder Works

This is a tour at Chilworth which will be conducted by Professor Alan Crocker, assisted by his wife, Glenys Crocker.

Meet at Chilworth Railway Station at 10.15 am for prompt departure at 10.30 am. The walk takes approximately two hours and will return to the railway station at 12.30 pm. Members might like to bring their own refreshment, or visit the Percy Arms, which is almost opposite the railway station in Chilworth, for their Sunday lunch.

Sunday, June 22, at 3 pm - Guildford Ghosts

Meet at Tunsgate at 2.45 for prompt departure at 3 pm, to hear a talk on the ghosts of Guildford. This is a guided walk round Guildford, and a collection will be invited from those who attend in aid of the Friends of Guildford Museum.

Thursday, 11 September - Church Room, Send, 8 pm

An illustrated talk by John Jannaway, entitled "Surrey Murders".

Saturday, November 8 - Surrey Local History Council Symposium, Chertsey

The symposium this year has the theme, "Victorian Celebrations" - further details to be provided in due course.

Thursday, November 27 - 8 pm, Ripley Annex

An illustrated talk by Mrs Hazeldine on "Queen Victoria and her Doctor".

URGENT NOTICE

WANTED

We need an artefacts person to catalogue and generally look after the Society's artefacts in liaison with Les Bowerman, who provides a storage facility - not an onerous task, but a vital and interesting one.

Anyone who would like to know more can contact Les on 224876, or John Slatford on 222107.

Newsletter Contributions

The closing date for material for the next Newsletter is Friday, May 9.



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*Please contact George or Irene Bleach on 01483 222233 if
you require information or wish to help in the museum.*

HISTORY SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

"Then and Now, Changing Scene of Surrey Village Life"	Out of print
"Guide to Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Send"	£1.25
"Then and Now, a Victorian Walk around Ripley"	£1.50 (only 4 copies remain)
"The Straight Furrow", by Fred Dixon	£1.50
"Ripley and Send - Looking Back"	£4.95
"A Walk about Ripley Village in Surrey"	£2.00
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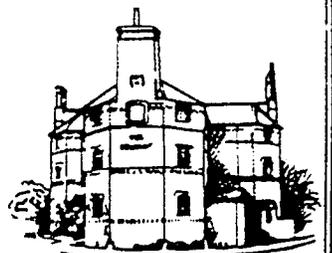
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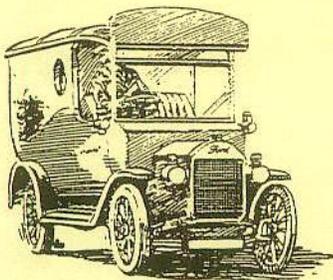
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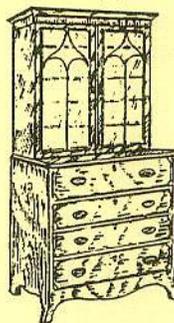
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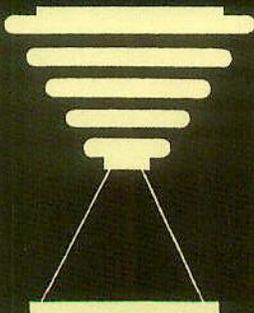
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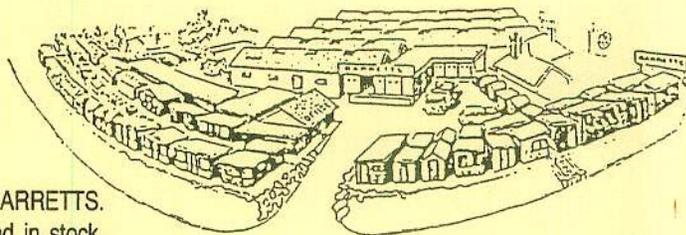
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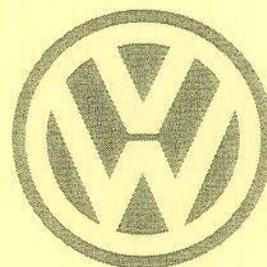
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