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COVER PICTURE

This is the sixth of a short series of Potters Bar wartime photos taken by Frederick Cole of Barnet, supplied by Terry Goulding.



On the 26th of February 1941, No's.15, 16 (shown L to R above) and 17 Manor Road, Potters Bar were damaged by a German bomb. It would appear that the bomb landed in front of No.16 (the bungalow), and so caused less damage than a direct hit would have done. A strange coincidence occurs in that there were four houses numbered 16 in Potters Bar that were damaged by bombs.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

To all our Members.

Spring must be here, since I saw my first dandelion in bloom on the 13th of March, and most of the hawthorn and chestnut trees are well into leaf.

Following a house clearance, I have just purchased a gentleman's lifetime collection of at least 6000 photographic slides covering many countries, personalities and local scenes. I wonder why at our Museum, we have not seen more similar collections. In view of the number of photographers in our town, is most of their life's work destined for the dustbin on their demise? Luckily for me, the house clearer thought there must be something worth saving, but in view of the sheer size of the collection, I also think he was rather glad to get rid of it to me!

Of recent years, John Donovan has regularly produced our newsletters, and I am sure we are all very grateful to him for this service, but other commitments have forced him to give up this task. So, thank you very much John for a job well done.

Richard Lee has now volunteered to produce our Newsletter and Mabel Hammett has been press ganged into printing them — thanks to both of them. Thanks also go to Michael Cawrey and his band of distributors who have not yet worn out their legs.

Our Society meeting on Thursday the 31st of May is entitled, 'Brookmans Park calling', and covers the history of the Transmitting Station. Our lecturer is Mrs Lillian Caras, and I hope to see you all there.

Terry Goulding

NEW MEMBERS

We should like to welcome Mr D Alan, Mr F Cartright, Linda Jordan and Margaret Ohren to the Society. We trust they will enjoy the lectures, walks and outings that are part of our yearly programme, and we hope that they will take an active part in the life of the Society.

REPORT ON THE 48th A G M HELD ON 10th APRIL 2007

This was attended by the President, Chairman and thirty nine other members. Apologies were received from Marian Baker. In his opening remarks Terry, our Chairman, noted another good year. The television programme on the Zeppelin had brought visitors to the museum and increased sales of books. Arnold continues a new display every six months.. His next one will be on the late Professor J F Kirkaldy, a local geologist. Also a celebration of the centenary of scouting. On the education front he and Brian Kolbert had visited several schools. He noted the sad death of Muriel Brittain, one of our trustees.

The minutes of the 47th A G M were agreed a true record; there were no matters arising. In his secretary's report, John Scivyer noted another varied and interesting year's programme. He thanked Colin Field for arranging this. We had published our usual three newsletters with other goodies in the pipeline. The rest of the year has been covered in Terry's report.

In his treasurer's report Terry noted our reserves were £300 up on last year. We had had no large expenditure but our copier was now twelve years old and may soon need replacing. Arnold took the chair to re-elect Terry as Chairman. The officers and committee were re-elected *en bloc*. Mr. Keevil had agreed to carry on as the independent examiner. John Lucas replaced Muriel as a trustee and Geoff Irons and Mr. M Griffith agreed to remain. Brian Warren proposed Gordon Eve, Dennis Lore and Arnold Davey as Life members. This was agreed unanimously and Gordon thanked the meeting.

The formal business was followed by the now traditional free tea and biscuits. Then a well researched talk by Brian Kolbert on “The Revolt of the Workers in Hertfordshire - 1381”

John Scivyer

Victorian Policeman

One of our members, Joyce Hall, passed this little letter and a photo of P.C.Hartley of the Metropolitan Police, who served in Potters Bar just before the turn of the (last) century until about 1906. He had two daughters, born 1897 and 1905, and they all lived in Mutton Lane.

“I enclose a copy of the only photograph I have of my Grandfather in his uniform when he served in Potters Bar. My mother went to school there in the village (as it was then). There was only one policeman stationed there and if there were local problems, he and the schoolmaster went to the vicarage and the three of them would sort it out – if it was possible.

Mutton Lane was an unmade road, and I gather, the spaniel dog, Rose, went on the ‘beat’ with my Granddad, and could sniff out poachers, drunks and burglars easily (few and far between, I believe).

The family were very happy there - and my mother until she died at 92, could spell every word, read poetry (out loud on occasions) and added up her bills quickly and accurately. She did not go on for higher education – so the Mutton Lane [*Southgate Road? Ed*] Village School did her well.

My sister in Australia knows the name of the school teacher- which I will pass on to you (she remembers a little rhyme my mother used to say about him, but I forget the name at the moment).

I cannot think of anything else at present. I hope this is of interest.

Yours, Joy Turner.”



SPRING LECTURE

Thursday May 31st, 2007

Brookmans Park calling: the History of the Transmitting Station by Lillian Caras.

The history of the first transmitting station in the World. Why is it in Brookmans Park? This Powerpoint presentation will also include some of the history of Broadcasting and TV.

THE MEETING WILL START **PROMPTLY** AT 8PM IN THE 60 PLUS CENTRE, WYLLYOTTS CENTRE. EVERYONE WELCOME.

AUTUMN LECTURE PROGRAMME (PREVIEW)

Friday	September 21 st	<i>London before London: Prehistoric London</i> , by John Cotton. This is a presentation scheduled previously; the speaker being unable to attend through illness.
Tuesday	October 30 th	<i>Great Northern Railway and through Hertfordshire</i> , by George Howe.
Thursday	November 22 nd	<i>The History of local Public Houses</i> , Brian Warren and Terry Goulding.
Tuesday	December 4 th	<i>Christmas Social</i> with quiz and light refreshments.

HELP REQUIRED

Stewards to help look after the Museum. If you could help just one day a month it would be of great assistance. You will be on duty with an experienced steward and you will be assured of a pleasant afternoon.

Tuesdays 2.30 - 4.30pm, contact Ian Cumming on 01707 642296

Wednesdays 2.30 - 4.30pm, contact Arnold Davey on 01707 654179

Saturdays 11.00am – 1.00pm, contact Mabel Hammett on 01707 657120

RECORDER GROUP

We still need volunteers for our Recorder Group, which monitors changes to Potters Bar on a daily/monthly basis (we meet twice a year to collate our findings). The work has been going on since 1985. Reports are sent in from all over the County and stored in the Hertfordshire Archives, County Hall, where they form a valuable record for the use of future historians and researchers.

It is interesting and worthwhile work, and it need not take up much of your time; you would be allocated a small area, in which you would note road works, changes to shops and houses, and anything else that changes the appearance of Potters Bar.

If you would like to help, please contact the Chairman, John Scivyer, on 01707 657586 for details now.

John Donovan

DELIVERERS REQUIRED

At the end of each issue we pay tribute to Michael Cawrey and his band of helpers, who save the Society pounds in postage by delivering your copy by hand. Naturally, our volunteers do come and go, and we now need some more deliverers. Three times per year you would be required to push a Newsletter through the letterbox of half-a-dozen or so of your neighbours' front doors. If you can help, please ring me on 01707 642 886.

John Donovan

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2007/2008 ARE NOW DUE

Adults £3, Family/Group £5

Please pay at the May meeting, or to the Membership Secretary, Mrs. Eileen Field,
51 Highview Gardens, Potters Bar, Herts., EN6 5PN

If you do *not* intend to renew your subscription, kindly inform the Membership Secretary (653801).

I wish to thank those members who send more money than the required membership fee.

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

Though every effort is made to establish the correct facts in our publications the following corrections require to be made.

- 1) In Potters Bar Historical Series No.5 page 13 and in The Journal No.11 page 20 Princess Victoria should read as Princess Marie Louise.
- 2) Occasional Papers No.6 The Barnet Road, page 21, line 14, the date should read the 25th October and not November.

Following my article on John Ewen, in the latest Potters Bar Community News, I understand there is to be an exhibition about him at the United Reformed Church, Wood Street, Barnet, on the 1st July. Please check before going, as I have no further details at the time of writing.

THE GUILDHALL LIBRARY, LONDON

LONDON APPRENTICES (South Mimms and Hadley)

I express my thanks to the author, Clifford Webb and The Society of Genealogists, as there are now 44 published books.

In the following extracts to local people, the person on the left was apprenticed to the London master on the right. † indicates that the father has died.

Volume 41 BLACKSMITHS' CO. 1605-1800

1-11-1600	Bayne Geo. son of Geo. South Mimms yeoman to Peter Mackerith (Mackerell) (22-5-1606 turned over to Jn. Wilsheire)
1-11-1631	Brock Rbt. son of Adam South Mimms maltman† to Jn. Warner
30-10-1651	Dell Jas. son of Jn. South Mimms husbandman† to Hannah widow Thos. Wood
7-4-1709	Flood Wm son of Jonathan South Mimms carpenter† to David Powell
5-4-1722	Hill Jn. son of Henry South Mimms tailor† to Jn. Mabatt
2-2-1720/1	Holloway Samuel son of Samuel SMs. labourer to Edw. Law
11-10-1611	Warren Thos. son of Jn. SMs husbandman† to Peter Mackerell
5-6-1684	Welles Thos. son of Jn. SMs brewer to Bridget widow of Wm. Phillipps
5-8-1762	Deane Jas. son of Jn. Hadley collarmaker to Moses Young
6-7-1643	Timberlack Richd. son of Richd. Hadley husbandman to Edward Lancaster
3-11-1693	Welles Thos. son of Thos. Hadley gardener to Daniel Hudson,

Recently I received a request as to the location of the Potters Bar Wireless Telegraph Station during World War Two. If you have any knowledge of its location and any further information please contact me..

Brian Warren

Do you remember the High Street shops in 1945?

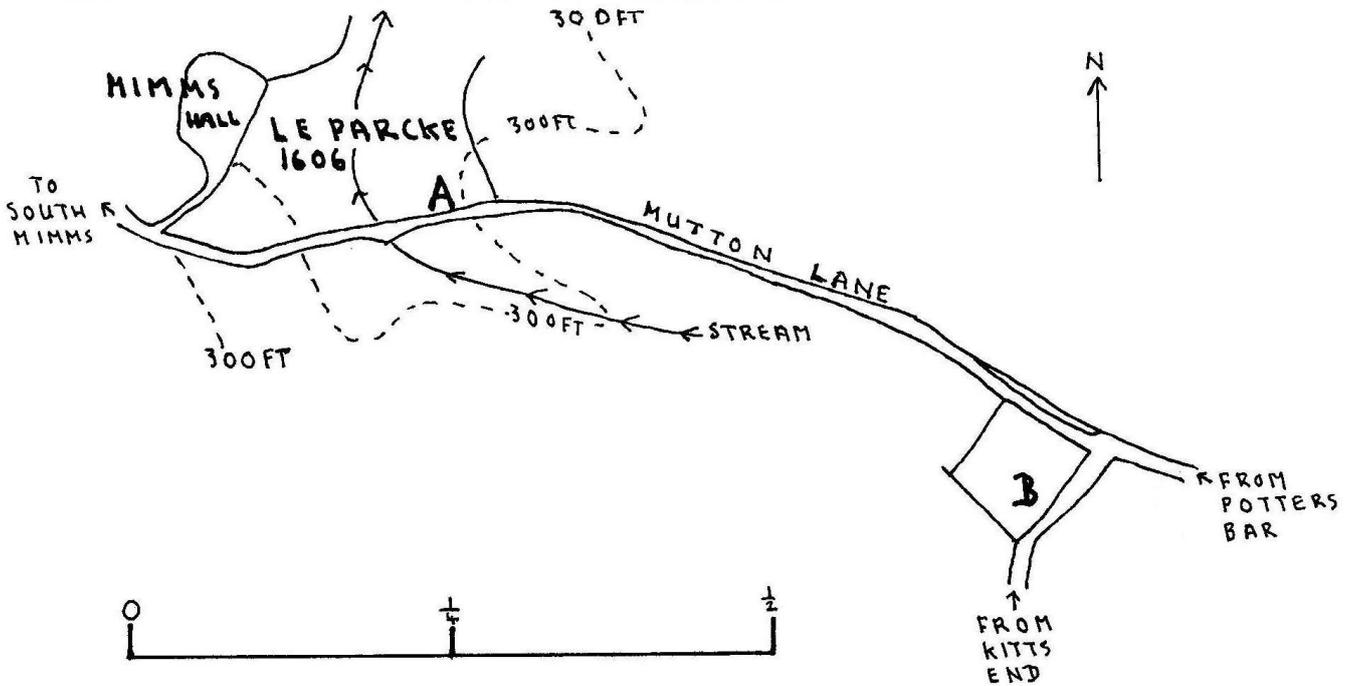
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Brian Warren

TWO LOCAL MEDIEVAL POTTERY SITES

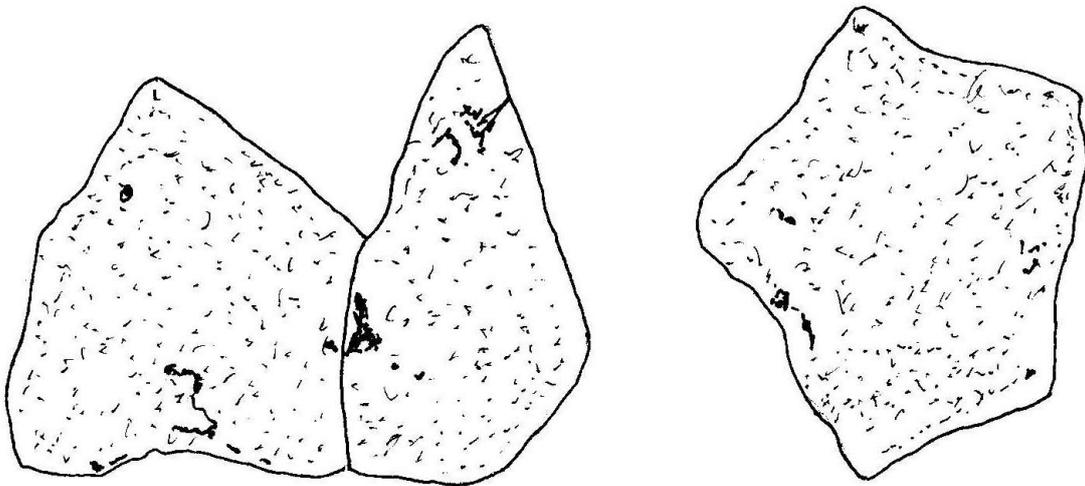
INTRODUCTION



SITE 'A'

This site was on London Clay, which sloped towards the North flowing stream, below the 300ft. contour line. It was adjacent to Mutton Lane and almost opposite Wroxham Gardens.

In the early 1990s the Lea Valley Water Company were inserting a large pipe at a depth, on the North side of Mutton Lane, parallel with the road. Terry Goulding was standing on their large spoil heap taking a long-range photograph of Mimms Hall, when he looked down and spotted three sandy and gritty ware sherds (see below). Two of which were subsequently joined together and all dating from the Eleventh to the Thirteenth centuries.



In the following years until 1999 I walked the edge of the field from the bus stop to the large Oak tree, further up the hill. The results were as follows:-

Date	Total number of pieces found	Number of Medieval sherds	Rims	Bases	Handle
1990	33	29	6	5	1
1991	20	19	3	2	0
1992	1	1	0	0	0
1996	4	0	0	1	0
1997	3	2	1	0	0
1998	11	1	1	0	0
1999	0	0	0	0	0

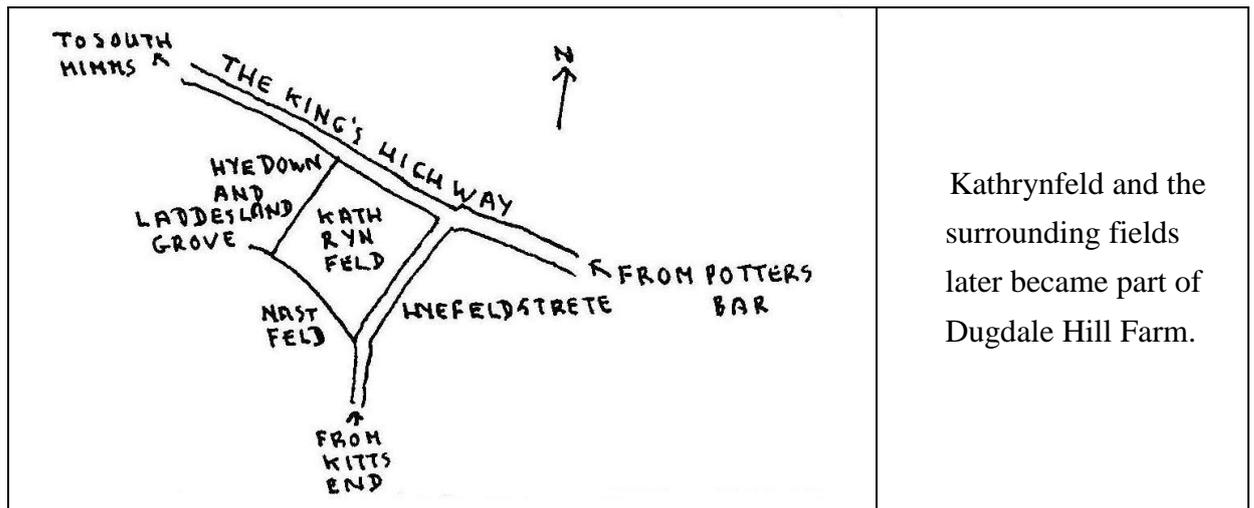
POTTERY

In addition to the three sherds noted above, twenty-three sherds of early South Hertfordshire-type coarse ware (1050-1200) were recovered, which included seven rims, one base and one upper handle joined with part of the rim. The latter was decorated with two stab marks, whereas one of the larger sherds had two impressions as from a small square-ended stick or twig.

Eighteen sherds of South Hertfordshire-type greyware (1170-1350) were found including one rim and three bases. Also, three relatively smooth, thicker greyware sherds, which most likely all belonged to the same storage jar. The later finds were sparse, but included a Seventeenth Century sherd of Dutch imported ware, four pieces of Stoneware from different vessels, which included a complete base. There was a small piece of decorated pipe stem, a similar-sized encrusted nail, part of a Whetstone, two small pieces of tile and part of a brick. Also, found was a small rim sherd of a Nineteenth Century Transfer printed ware.

SITE 'B'

As with the previous site this one was on London Clay but it was on level ground, just below the 350ft. contour, situated in Dugdale Hill Lane near the junction with Mutton Lane. The first known reference to Mutton Lane occurs in 1316, when it was recorded as, "the King's highway that leads towards St. Albans". In 1464, the buttings and boundings of the field, in which the finds were discovered, was recorded as:-



Kathrynfeld and the surrounding fields later became part of Dugdale Hill Farm.

In 2003 and later Mr. Lewis, of Dugdale Hill Lane, brought in to Potters Bar Museum finds he had made while digging in his garden.

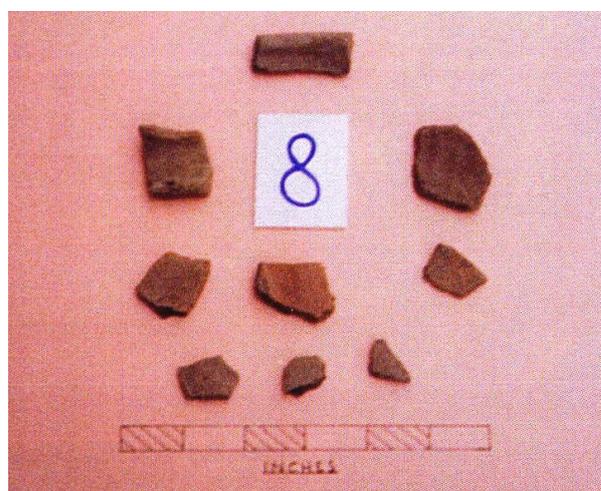
POTTERY

Five sherds of a sandy and gritty ware were very similar to the original three sherds discovered on Site 'A', dating from the Eleventh to the Thirteenth centuries. Dating to the same period there were three sherds of locally made unglazed greyware. Though twenty-nine sherds of Early South Hertfordshire-type coarse ware (1050-1200) were identified, most of them were very small and this applied to the one handle and three

bases, the latter were very abraded and insignificant. The last statement applies to the sixty-one sherds of South-Hertfordshire-type greyware (1170-1350) where most were no larger than half-an-inch square making identification difficult. There were four rims and two bases. One small sherd showed evidence of applied strap and another one of finger pressure decoration. One small sherd was possibly part of a handle.



- No.4 A rim and part of a handle from a late Medieval Glazed Ware (1350-1450) pottery jug. The outer surface showed a green-glaze but where damaged a pinkish orange fabric could be seen. On either side of the handle were thumb attachments to secure the handle more securely to the jug.
- No.5 A rim sherd from a South Hertfordshire-type greyware (1170-1350) cooking pot, of which the fabric is a light grey, with coarse stone inclusions.
- No.6 This sherd includes part of a flat base and wall of pottery vessel, dating from 1170 to 1350. The fabric is grey.
- No.7 In total there were four pieces discovered belonging to this vessel and were the only ones of its type found on either site. This sherd included part of a base and the wall of a glazed medieval tableware bowl. The fabric is light orange in colour on the inside, where there are remaining traces of a green glaze. The outside is a pinkish buff colour. The fabric is fine, with few visible inclusions and the edges relatively unabraded.



The nine sherds above consist of two rim sherds (from two different vessels), six body sherds and one base sherd (has a pinkish colour unlike the others and is clearly from a different vessel). The fabrics are all similar, from fine light to mid grey in colour, with fine inclusions and little abrasion. Most sherds appear to be from bowls.

The vessels on this site included bowls, a tableware bowl, jug and cooking pots.

This site, like Site 'A', was primarily a medieval one, with only a few individual finds from a later date. A Post Medieval Hertfordshire Redware sherd, dating from the Fifteenth - Sixteenth centuries was identified,, possibly from a jug. There was one sherd of Stoneware, two pieces of Seventeenth Century Dutch tile, a very small piece of Staffordshire mottled brown glaze ware of the next century and three items dating from the Eighteenth to the Twentieth centuries.

CONCLUSION

Both sites were situated just off the King's Highway (Mutton Lane) to St. Albans and from the pottery appear to have been in existence at the same time. The bulk of the finds were medieval in origin covering the period from 1050 to 1350. In fact they are very similar to other known medieval sites in the area (c.f. South Mimms Castle and the Wyllyotts Manor excavations 1987-89). The pottery consisted of reduced unglazed made locally to greywares and much was of a flinty, gritty ware from the Eleventh - Fourteenth centuries.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I expressed my thanks to Mr.Lewis and Terry Goulding who made available their finds for further examination. In this respect I am especially grateful to the specialist contributors Alison-Turner Rugg, Julian Watters and Chris. Green at Verulamium Museum. Similarly, to Jacqui Pearce of the Museum of London Archaeological Service for her interpretation of the pottery.

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POTTERS BAR SOCIETY

Summer Outing: Saturday, 2nd June 2007

For our summer coach outing this year we are heading north up the A1(M) to Burghley, one of the largest and grandest houses of the first Elizabethan Age, with its treasure trove of paintings, tapestries, sculptures, furniture and porcelain.

The cost, including entrance to the house and gardens and gratuities, is £24. For further information, or to book, please contact Mrs Phyll Hardiment, telephone 01707 652844.

Alastair Maclean.

FINALLY

Thanks go to Mabel Hammett for photocopying the Newsletter, our team of volunteers (without whose help we should not be able to distribute it), and Michael Cawrey, who organises the volunteers.

The PB&DHS Newsletter is produced in September, January & May of every 'season.'

If you wish to submit an item for inclusion (preferably of a 'local-history' nature), please phone the Editor, Richard Lee (01707 652975) at least one month before the publication month (i.e. August, December or April).

Note; inclusion of such items is at the Editor's discretion.