

The Newsletter

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COVER PICTURE

This is a photo taken from the collection held by Terry Goulding.



When King George the Fifth died at Sandringham in Norfolk, his body was brought back via King's Lynn to King's Cross through Potters Bar on the 23rd of January 1936. It was hauled by No. 2847 *Helmingham Hall*, a new locomotive. Note the 'Royal Train' code of 'Christmas tree' lights on the front of the engine that denote that Royalty is being carried.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

To all our Members.

The Committee and I hope you had a Happy Christmas and we wish you all a Happy New Year.

Does this look like a 1947 or 1963 year to you? In February 1947 I had a month's weather leave from the R.A.F. because the cookhouse and toilets were all frozen up. I returned on the 14th of March and things were not much better. I also had flu while I was off. In 1963 it was the 19th of March before a thaw set in and that really was a winter. When visiting the R.A.F. Station at Boscombe Down for my Company I remember seeing the sides of the roads with snow piled high, up to the tops of the cars. There were a number of dead birds in the fields and crows frozen and hanging by their feet to the barbed wire fencing. Things are not that bad now though, because there may well be a winter fuel allowance coming to some of us!

My neighbour was complaining about the lack of water due to frozen pipes, I'm afraid that I depressed him even more by telling him that when his mains supply was replaced some years ago, that it was only buried less than 12 inches below his lawn. With tongue in cheek I suggested a bonfire in his front garden, or he could connect a low voltage, high current, electric supply to each end. Being a bit more practical though I said he should try using his wife's hair dryer on the spots in the house that looked more vulnerable to cold. Apparently that seemed to work.

Our next Society meeting in the New Year is on Friday the 28th of January with a talk by Mr. David Cockle entitled 'The Extension of the Railway to Cuffley 1910'. I hope to see you all then.

Terry Goulding

NEW MEMBERS

We should like to welcome David & Susan Connatty, Chris & Ruth Cook, Dr R Ciezak, Dennis & Olga Easy, and Andrew Lewis on joining the Society. We hope they will enjoy the lectures and occasional outings that are part of our yearly programme, and will take an active part in our Society.

MUSEUM STEWARDS REQUIRED

Members are needed to help look after the Museum. Perhaps you could help for just one day a month? It would be of great assistance and you would be on duty with an experienced steward.

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

DELIVERERS REQUIRED

In 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, however at the moment we do have a full complement. If you would like to help in the future, 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 652975.

Richard Lee

MEMBERS' NEWS

Since the last Newsletter Gordon Eve has been moved to Mayfair Lodge, The Walk, Potters Bar. He is in Room 44, on the first floor, which is for people who can no longer live on their own.

Hywel Morris has suffered a stroke and is in Potters Bar Hospital, Barnet Road, to receive further treatment.

Obituary – John Lucas

John was born in 1927 and attended St. Paul's C. of E. School, Winchmore Hill and earlier this year returned to inform the present pupils what it was like in his time there. His first connection with newspapers was when his parents allowed him to deliver them, as long as it was not in their road. Throughout his life he possessed a passion for words, was a walking library and loved history. His maternal great-grandfather, William Dallas Ross worked in Fleet Street in 1895 and John was proud of this, as he was to follow in his footsteps. John commenced on *The Barnet Press* for five years before writing features for *The Daily Telegraph* and becoming a founder member of *The Sunday Telegraph*. In addition, he wrote four books before *'Hertfordshire Curiosities'* in 1990.

When he moved to Causeway Close he was very proud of his garden and wrote a book about it. He joined the Society in the 1988/89 season recently attended most monthly meetings. In 1999 through his connection with Molly Sedgewick she travelled from Eastbourne to lecture on the subject of her mother, "*Dolly Sedgewick Adventures of an Edwardian Lady Parachutist*". Earlier this year John spoke at our own A.G.M. on *'Hold the Front Page – the History of Newspapers'*, a subject very close to his heart. John was one of the Society's three Trustees and had been a Steward for many years at Potters Bar Museum on Saturday mornings.

The Society was well-represented at his funeral at Enfield Crematorium on the 30th December. In about a month's time there is to be a Memorial Service, in central London, for his colleagues in the newspaper industry.

On behalf of the Society I express our sincere condolences to John's brother, sister, his sons Jonathan and Christopher, their families and to all who knew John.

Brian Warren

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2010/11 ARE OVERDUE

The subscription year runs from April 1st to March 31st at a cost of £3 for an individual adult, and £5 for a family or group. If you are not sure whether you have paid yet for this year, you can check your current membership status by phoning the Membership Secretary, Eileen Field on 01707 653801. Her address is 51 Highview Gardens, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5PN.

Should you pay by post, be sure to collect your receipt at the subsequent lecture meeting. If you want us to *post* the receipt to you, please enclose a SAE. **Note:** you should make your cheque payable to Potters Bar & District Historical Society, and *not* Mrs. E. Field.

Thank you to those members who have already paid by using the form in the last Newsletter.

A new form for 2011/12 will be added to the next Newsletter.

SPRING LECTURE

Friday January 28th, 2011

The Extension of the Railway to Cuffley, 1910, by Mr David Cockle and Mr Roger Elkin.

This talk marks the centenary of the Great Northern Railway, Enfield to Cuffley extension. This joint presentation will also examine the social impact this extension of the railway has had on the area.

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

SPRING LECTURE PROGRAMME (PREVIEW)

Friday	February	25 th	<i>Charles Dickens and 'Little Dorrit'</i> by Dr. Graham Handley
Thursday	March	31 st	<i>Betjeman and his local connections</i> by Mr. Terence Atkins
Tuesday	April	26 th	Annual General Meeting, followed by <i>Light Industry in Potters Bar</i> by Brian Warren. (This has been a much neglected subject in connection with the local history of Potters Bar. Little has been published and it is hoped that any members who have worked in the local industrial places would be encouraged to record their experiences. If there is enough support a working group could be established.)
Thursday	May	26 th	<i>Development of Public Transport in London</i> by Mr. David Ruddom

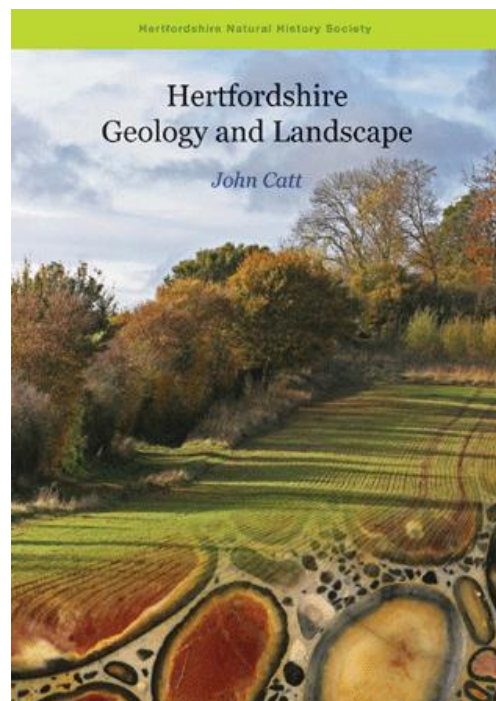
NEW BOOK: HERTFORDSHIRE GEOLOGY AND LANDSCAPE

Hertfordshire Natural History Society with Hertfordshire Geological Society are delighted to announce a major new book on Hertfordshire's earth heritage and its fundamental influence on geodiversity and biodiversity.

The book includes chapters on: The character of Hertfordshire and an introduction to Geology – Concealed bedrock geology – The Chalk – The Palaeogene period – Neogene deposits – The Quaternary and landscape development – Soils, agriculture and plant ecology – Prehistoric archaeology and human occupation – Hydrogeology, water supply and waste disposal – Mineral resources and building stones.

Author John Catt said: 'This will be a landmark publication for Hertfordshire, which until now has lacked an authoritative work on the county's geology and how this influences the landscape as we see it today. It also highlights the vital importance to modern day life of our geological resources and their exploitation.'

The book is A4 format, hardbound, 384 pages, illustrated in colour throughout with over 200 maps, diagrams and photographs. It is cover priced at £39.50. However for Members of the PB&DHS it is available for £35 including postage. Copies may be obtained from Linda Smith, 2 Mandeville Rise, Welwyn Garden City AL8 7JU, cheques to be made payable to HNHS.



ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

Apart from the coming of the railway to Cuffley in 1910, the former original St. Andrew's 'tin' Church was erected at the top of Plough Hill, near the Plough P.H. in the same year. On the 13th November 2010 a review of the last 100 years (1910-2010) and a musical second-half took place at St. Andrew's Church, Cuffley. In connection a small exhibition was displayed in Cuffley Library, then St. Andrew's Church. Members can view the exhibition in Potters Bar Museum from this month.

Throughout a year I receive requests from the Revd. Peter Bevan to locate graves in the Mutton Lane cemetery, as a result of enquiries he has received. In recent months requests have been answered from France, South Africa and Australia.

An enquiry from Louisville, Kentucky, concerned a father, who was a pharmacist at the First General Hospital, 1944-45 near North Mymms, South Mimms or Potters Bar. I was able to send an aerial photograph of the American Hospital at North Mymms and find that only two concrete roadways still existed, all had gone. They had intended making a visit next April.

John Jarman, from Hoddesdon, wondered why four WW1 and four WW2 servicemen were buried at St. Giles, South Mimms, but in some cases did not appear to have a connection with the village. Since his enquiry I have now discovered six WW1 graves and four WW2 graves. Only Private E. G. Johnson, who died 27th October 1918, does not provide an obvious link with South Mimms, but there must be some connection.

Does anyone know when the Cecil Cottages, Blackhorse Lane, South Mimms, were renumbered; was it after 1960/61?

In the Hendon and District Archaeological Society's September Newsletter it was written, "*Mr. Cull subsequently reports that in May 1945 Potters Bar ATC celebrated VE Day by burning their Gloster Gladiator biplane – the type immortalised by 'Faith Hope and Charity' in their defence of Malta.*" As there is conflicting recollection of the event I would be pleased to hear from anyone who was there or has information concerning the event. (See centre p. 8 for address and phone no.)

Brian Warren

LOCAL TIMBER FRAMED BUILDINGS (Part 3) UPDATE

In the last Newsletter (Sept. 2010) I included an article about 62-68 Blanche Lane and included a photograph of the building (p.5) which showed the exposed bricks. The front has since been renovated and painted with silicate paint and now looks like the photograph at the top of page 6. In 2011 the upper storey windows will be repaired.

The present owner and occupier, William Marsterson (note the spelling), who with his late wife, purchased the property in 1987, sent me a letter ⁽¹⁾. Anthony Quiney, an architect and architectural historian and advisor to the (former) G.L.C. on timber-framed buildings in their area viewed the property. Following his inspection he concluded that the middle bays of the building were the original house dating to c. 1500. Around 1600, or just after, the two outer bays were added. His evidence was based on the shape of the bedroom ceilings in those bays, in the style of the time, like a truncated pyramid.

Originally the cottage (60 Blanche Lane) and the main building were joined together with a roof extending over the entrance to the back yard. The beams by Mr. Marsterson's front door show the original ceiling and

outer wall were about a foot within the present room (see plans on p. 8 Sept. 2010 Newsletter). Those beams provide evidence of the type of brace used to jettty out the upper storey ⁽²⁾.

Through the entrance to the back yard the former Postmaster, Mr. Hollis, built the Mission Hall, with money from Captain Trotter, of Dyrham Park, in 1906. It has been converted into an end maisonette and an upstairs flat, numbered by Hertsmere as 66 and 68 respectively. Numbers 62-64 apply to the main building fronting Blanche Lane.

Written evidence suggests the date of mid-17th century and Mr. J. T. Smith ⁽³⁾ noted the first-floor framing was of the same period but there could be evidence of an earlier building. However, A. Quinney concluded the original house dated to c. 1500. Apart from the jettied beams it would appear that the development of the property was similar to that of Mymmsmead, 49 Blanche Lane. Adrian Gibson stated the possible sequence there was of the middle bays dating to the 16th century, with the outer bays being added in the 17th century. This sequence has been found in other timber-framed buildings in the local area.

- (1) I am grateful to Mr. Marsterson for granting me permission to use the information in his letter to me, dated 21st December 2010.
- (2) On my visit, in late 1977, I remember the jetttying being pointed out.
- (3) Not only was J. T. Smith, a Principal Architectural Investigator, at the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England, but was also responsible for recognizing and publishing original evidence identifying features in timber-framed buildings.

Brian Warren

THE HISTORY RECORDERS

In spite of all the doom and gloom about the economy shops which become empty do not stay that way for long. In the High Street the Lee Joy shop which became vacant soon became Kramer's Lighting Showroom. However two shops which opened under a new regime soon closed: *Buy The Book* in the Broadway and a small gent's outfitter in the High Street. The latter soon re-opened as VIP Nails.

John Scivyer

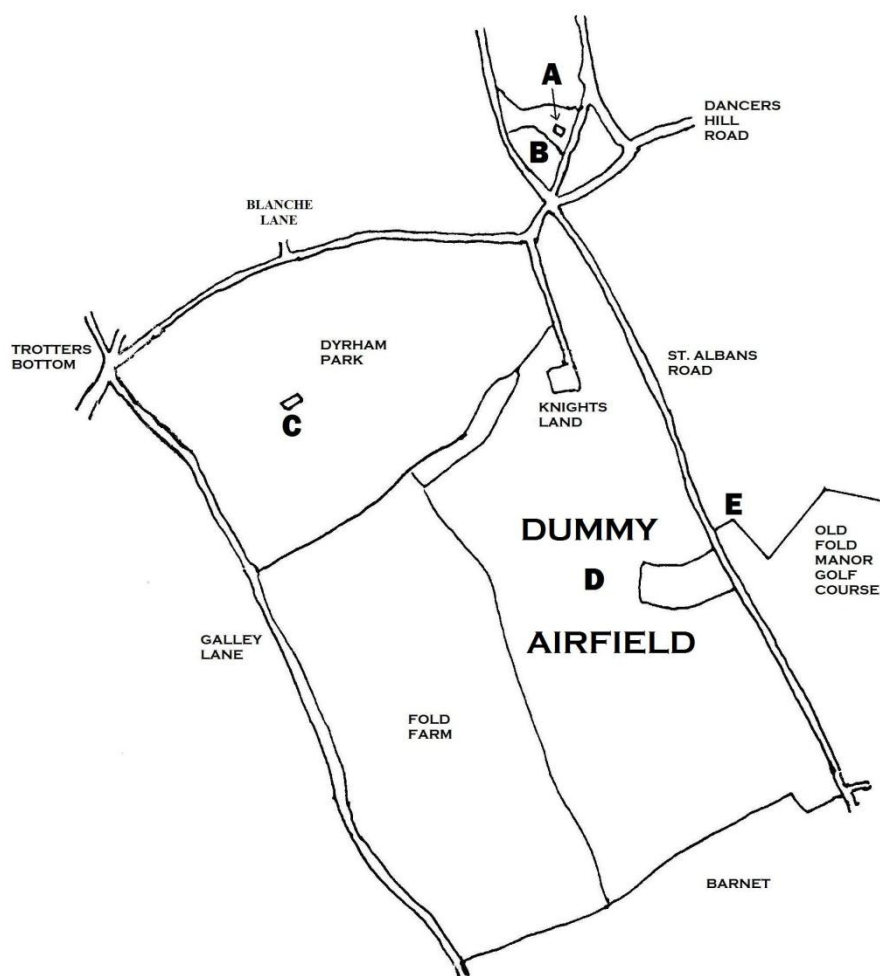
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING

On December 7th we again had an enjoyable social evening. Richard Lee and Ian Cummings greeted us with a drink as we arrived. We then had a guess at deciding what Terry's unusual items were as at the same time the general quiz took place. Food and wine was arranged by myself with June Parkes making the home made mince pies. Geoff Irons ran the raffle and a lucky person on each table took home the pretty table decoration provided by Wendy Davey. Then many hands made light work of the washing up and putting the room back to normal.

Mabel Hammett

THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Below I provide information on the Second World War near Barnet, which I have gathered over the years. I would be pleased to receive any additional comments or observations from members.



- A** On the 7th April 1993 a Mr. R A Kenny arrived in the Potters Bar Museum and informed me that he was at Laurel Cottage for 6 weeks before being posted overseas late in 1939.
- B** The Italian Prisoner of War Camp. They made the model of Salzburg in their camp next to the St. Albans Road.



- C** I interviewed Mr. D Robinson in connection with Cuffley in the 2WW, where he was in the Home Guard. He and Jimmy Andrews were selected as batmen to the Grenadier Guards at Dyrham Park. They were taken by car overnight and served breakfast. His Home Guard Major was there when a Guard's officer knocked his arm and spilt the tea. He was told off by the Home Guard Major.
- D** The Dummy Airfield now part of The Shire London Golf Course (once Bridgedown Golf Course). The dummy Hurricane aircraft were built at Shepperton film studios and the decoy site operated between 1940-42, using flare-path lights at night. The aircraft were moved around during the day to give the appearance of an operational air field. (Source HSMR 10420) Does anyone remember the aircraft being moved or anything else?
- E** A surviving Pill Box facing North with a fine field view across Upper and Lower Kitts End Farms to Dancers Hill.



Pill Box



Field View to Dancers Hill

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ST. MICHAEL'S and ALL ANGELS CHURCH
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St. John's Church, Potters Bar, was erected in 1835 and an Ecclesiastical District formed, which extended from Little Heath in the north to Bentley Heath on the south. In 1850 the railway through Potters Bar was opened, making Little Heath more accessible than it had been, subsequently, in April 1855, George Singer of London and Robert W. W. Vickery of Brixton bought the Saunders Hill (Green Meadow to the Great North Road) and Denham (Darkes Lane and the southern part of Church Road/Billy Lows Lane) estates, from Robert C. L. Bevan, of Trent Park. The land was divided into 233 building plots of various sizes and some houses built.

In 1875 the then owners of the Osborne Park Estate offered a site for a church, but it was found impossible to raise funds for building it. Eventually they granted a lease of the land to the then Vicars of Potters Bar and North Mymms (Little Heath being situated in the two parishes) and their successors for thirty years from Midsummer, 1875, at a nominal rent, and covenanted that, if at any time during the term there was a reasonable prospect of funds being forthcoming for the erection of a church, they would convey the site to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The indenture was dated 8th September 1875.

On this land a temporary Iron Building was erected by the Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Watkins, which by his Will he bequeathed to his son, also the Rev. H. G. Watkins, with a request that he would, so far as lay in his

power, arrange for it being used for its present purpose so long as it was required.

The Iron Church was built by Mr. Kent of Euston Road and the inaugural service was on the 12th March 1876. The service was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. Henry Percy Grubb (curate of St. John's, Potters Bar, 1873-79). The Vicar ended the service with a plea that the new church should become a centre of true spiritual life and union.

The Iron Church, in Church Road, was made of corrugated iron, lined throughout with wood and an intermediate lining of felt. It was well warmed, lighted, ventilated and constructed to hold 170 people and all seats were free.

The first Parish Magazine of St. John's commenced in 1889 and recorded the following services at the Iron Church:-

- Holy Communion, 2nd Sunday, 8.30 am
- Evening Prayer, with sermon, 3.30 pm
- Holy Baptism, 1st Sunday in the Month, 3.30 pm
- A Service for Children, held on Sunday Mornings, 10.45 am

There was also, in 1889, a Sunday School in the Parish Room at 9.30 am and at 2.30 pm.

The Church Magazine, known as the '*Church Monthly*', for 1890 refers to Summer services and Holy Communion at 8.30 am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. In September an invalid chair for airing and exercising of some of our invalids is kept in the rear of the Parish Room at Little Heath, under the care of Mr. Hall, who will permit the use of it to anyone obtaining an order from the Vicar for the purpose. The Harvest Festival was well-supported and in December there was reference to:-

OUR WANTS

An American Organ for the Iron Church

Books and Book-markers for the Iron Church, and a more "*decent alms basin*".

In 1891 it was noted in the '*Church Monthly*' that, "*since Iron Churches are notoriously unsatisfactory, a good Mission Church may shortly take the place of the present structure*" - it never did. At that time the attendance had much improved and it was hoped to take steps immediately to make the congregation even more appreciated. In January the Iron Church Choir were entertained to tea in the Parish Room, on Friday 9th, after which they amused themselves with songs and recitations till it was time to go home.

The first entry in the surviving Register of Services, which starts in October 1893, is the following:-

"The following Vestments, Frontals, Veils and Burses have been given for the sole use of St. Michael's Church, Little Heath, Potters Bar, together with Chalice, Pattens and Altar Cloth, also Six Altar Candles and Cross etc.

If at any time thence cease to be used in St. Michael's Church they are to be returned to the donors at their special request and condition on which they are given.

Charles Parr, Priest in Charge

John Hart

Harry Drummond

Harry Halsey

Red Frontal, Veil, Burse, Lectern & Reading Desk Hangings and Vestments.

Blue Frontal, Veil, Burse, Lectern & Reading Desk Hangings and Vestments.

Green Frontal, Veil, Burse, Lectern & Reading Desk Hangings and Vestments.

White Frontal, Veil(2) & Burses(2) Lectern & Reading Desk Hangings & Vestments.

Cross Altar (1)

Candles Altar (6)

All the Fair, other Linen and Lace."

In late September 1899, the Iron Church, which had been closed from July 30th until September for painting and repair, opened on the 28th September, was renamed St. Michael's Mission Church. The service of reopening and Harvest Festival were conducted by the Rev. Matthew J. Stent, curate-in-charge 1899-1900. The new frontal was presented by Mrs. Jobson, the dorsal and hanging to match were the gift of the curate and his wife, whilst a dozen hymn books were the donation of Mrs. Lewis Simner.

Mr. George Singer died 12th November 1903 and in his Will, which was proved the next day, his interest in the Osborne Park Estate descended to his family. The original thirty-year lease ended in 1905 and on the 18th December 1905 Emily Francis Singer, Thomas Percy Singer, William Sewell Singer and Horace Davies Singer conveyed to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners,

“All that piece of land 3 roods 8 perches or thereabouts situate, lying and being the New Parish of St. John’s, Potters Baras the Site of and for an intended new Church to be called The Church of St. Michael’s, Little Heath, Potters Bar.”

(To be concluded)

Brian Warren

THE BYNG BOOK LAUNCH

At 8.00 in the evening of Monday September 20th 2010 a reception and book launch of Arnold Davey’s new publication *ADMIRAL BYNG AND WROTHAM PARK* was held at the Museum.

Arnold was seated in the Chairman of the Potters Bar UDC chair to autograph the books. Almost 50 people attended mostly the committee and people who served at the Museum. Others who attended were the Mayor, Linda Silver, and her consort, our Hertsmere Museum Officer David Whorlow, 2 representatives from the Welwyn and Hatfield Times including Ross Logan, the General Manager and Area Manager from Wetherspoon Pubs, Gary Fisher the Duty Technical Manager from Wyllyotts Centre, and staff from the local shops selling our booklets. Robert Byng was invited but was unable to attend.



Arnold Davey signing his autograph for David King.

Brian Warren, our President, gave a short introductory speech, followed by Arnold Davey. A light supper followed where everybody was able to mix, enjoy the company, and wander around the Museum.

This is the first time we have used the Museum for such an occasion and I am sure it will not be the last.



Hertsmere's Mayor Linda Silver.

Richard Lee and Mabel Hammett

SOUTH MIMMS AND THE MOVEMENT OF THE POOR IN THE 18TH CENTURY

Introduction

Prior to the Settlement Act of 1662 the poor could move freely from parish to parish in search of work.

The Settlement Act, 1662

The Act listed five conditions under which a person could settle, namely:-

1. Their place of birth and principal residence
2. Hold a parish office
3. Pay the parish rate
4. Bond apprentice to a parishioner, and
5. Being in service for a year in the parish.

Even so a stranger was liable to be removed by the Justice unless they rented a property worth at least £10 per annum or were able to cover the costs of any benefit received from the parish.

A certificate was issued in the present parish of occupation.

South Mimms

In the surviving Hertfordshire Settlement Certificate there are thirty-seven certificates issued to people moving from South Mimms (1703-1799) and two from Hertford All Saints and Hertingfordbury to South Mimms. Of those issued in South Mimms twenty-two are for movement to Chipping Barnet, seven to St. Albans, two for Hoddesdon, and one each to Aldenham, Hertford, Harpenden, Baldock, Cheshunt and Ayot St. Peter.

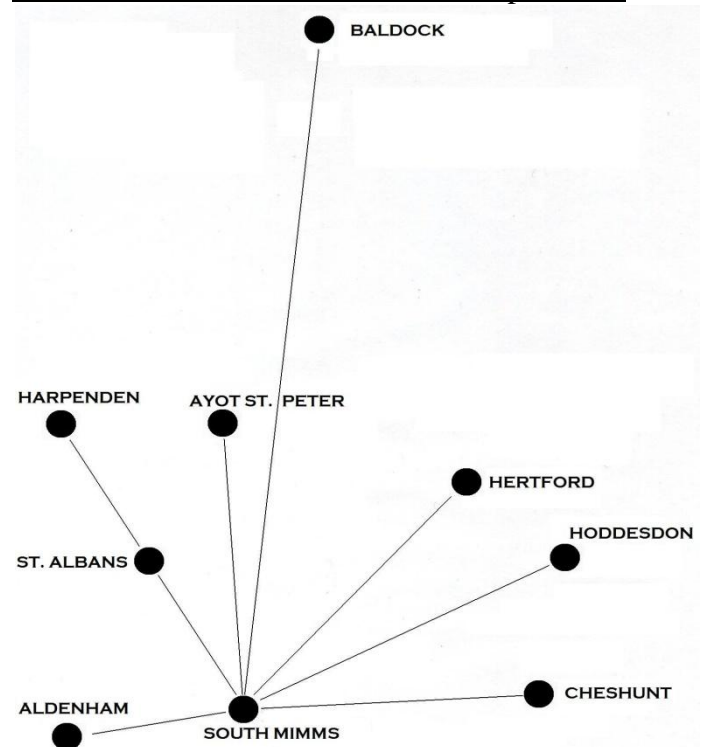
Most of the travellers were with their wife and in some cases children are named and ages given. A few name the type of work of the traveller e.g. tailor, bricklayer and shoemaker. Few of the names were known to me but people named Christmas and Gladman were Quakers in South Mimms, but might not have been at this stage.

Each parish was eager to move travellers on to the next parish to lessen the expenditure on their own. From the Poorhouse Minutes in 1727 there are two examples which illustrate this. On the 10th January widow Dorinton (?sp) of Mimmside had taken in a woman with a bastard child and has nothing to keep her. The Trustees agreed to pay her 20 shillings, the widow agreed to see the woman goes when well and takes the child with her. In November, John Morris, a single man, was very ill and cold and wished to pay the fare to see friends in Staffordshire. He was paid 6 shillings to get rid of him.

Other travellers were not so fortunate and in the

South Mimms Burial Register there are five references to people dying on the road, between March 1727 and April 1729. Two were described as strangers, one a traveller, another a poor man and finally just a man. In the Minutes of the Trustees of the Poorhouse, dated 10th January 1727 there is a bill to be paid to the Churchwardens for burying a man drowned in the Wash, at South Mimms, £1 16s 8d:-

Destinations from South Mimms, except Barnet



Coffin	8s	
Grave	1s	6d
Minister	2s	
Clerk	1s	4d
Beer (?)	2s	
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	14s	10d

A long letter from Thomas Reynolds, a City merchant and director of the ill-fated South Sea Company, dated 3rd October 1730, expressed his views on the local situation. *“It is between the two greatest Roads in England, adjoining the Chase, which are no inconsiderable reasons for our having so great a Number of Idle and Lazy people from other places lurking up and down here and at last become chargeable And as to Lazy grown poor they should be compelled to work according to their abilities or not relieved for it is unjust to suffer then to live as has been too often the case in an idle and vicious course upon the alms of the parish.”*

Parish constables were paid for passing vagrants as noted in the Middlesex County Records Sessions Rolls. For example, in October 1709, John Hickman was awarded £20 for passing vagrants. Late in December 1735, William Bowman received £30 as an annual payment. However, in future the payment ceased and vagrants coming in South Mimms were, *“to be passed, relieved and conveyed from thence in such manner as they are and have been in other parts of this county”*, i.e. Middlesex. In 1736, 1740 and 1747 money was still paid or requested. At the latter date it was recommended that vagrants should be passed to a constable or other peace officer in Ridge, the nearest parish in Hertfordshire.

Acknowledgments

I thank the staff at HALS (Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies) for their willing assistance at all times and Ken Garner and Jack Parker the authors of *“Hertfordshire Settlement Certificates. An Alphabetical List”*. Herts Family and Population History Society Special Publication No. 3 2001.

Source

Dr. F. Brittain, South Mymms Records, 1, Early Times to 1799 (his personal record).

Brian Warren

The PB&DHS Newsletter is produced in September, January & May of every ‘season’. Mabel Hammett looks after photocopying and collation, and Michael Cawrey organises, with volunteers, the distribution of The Newsletter

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.

POTTERS BAR AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The 52nd AGM to be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 26th April 2011 at the 60+ Centre.

- 1) Chairman's opening remarks
- 2) Apologies for absence
- 3) Minutes of the 51st A.G.M held on 27th April 2010
- 4) Secretary's report
- 5) Museum report
- 6) Treasurer's report and accounts
- 7) Election of officers

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Archivist
6 Committee members

- 9) Appointment of independent examiner
- 10) Appointment of trustees
- 11) Any Other Business

After the Business there will be a talk on *Light Industry in Potters Bar* by Brian Warren.

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