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## JOURNAL & NEWSLETTER

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At the Annual General Meeting it was agreed that a newsletter and journal should be produced, and an editor was appointed. A full report of the Annual General Meeting appears in this newsletter and it is hoped that future issues will carry reports of all other meetings and activities of the Society, and notices of forthcoming activities. There will always be the need for contributions from members to provide material for the journal. We are lucky to be able to include a letter from one of our members in the very first issue and I hope it will inspire other members to make similar contributions.

There is one item already planned to appear in the next issue and to be continued in subsequent ones. This is the 'Starling Manuscript' from the town archives which will be edited by Ron Peabody. This manuscript makes fascinating reading and was well used by Dr. Sapwell when he produced his history of Aylsham. Together with the series of directory entries already begun, it should introduce a wider audience to lesser known aspects of Aylsham's history. However, the journal will require more than this to survive, and all contributions will be welcomed.

## OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY

To study the local history of Aylsham and immediate locality.

To encourage members and others to take an active interest in their local history.

To issue, from time to time, newsletters and other literature, i.e. research produced by members and others, and to keep a permanent file of such publications.

To provide and arrange exhibitions, lectures and other means of promoting the objects of the Society.

To note, where possible, the location of local historical records not already deposited in the Norfolk Record Office, the Aylsham Parish Archives and Parish Church.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On June 4th. 1985, exactly twelve months to the day after the Inaugural meeting, the Annual General Meeting took place in the Parish Room. For an AGM it was a well attended meeting with nearly 50% of our 64 members present. The meeting was opened by chairman, Canon J.Vyse, followed by a report on our first year's activities by secretary Jane Nolan. Looking back over the year, the Society has been quite busy. Apart from the work taking place in the different workshop groups, there were seven public meetings or activities which covered a wide range of interests. Starting with the highly successful presentation of local films from the East Anglian Film Archive arranged by Neville Crick, we then enjoyed the following:

- guided walks round Aylsham, arranged by David Walker and Geoffrey Ducker.
- a series of 20 lectures with the Local History Research Group
- "History from the air" by Prof. N.McCord
- Brasses in Aylsham Church, with Roger Greenwood
- "Understanding standing buildings" by Alan Carter from the Centre for East Anglian Studies.
- "East Anglian linen industry" by Nesta Evans, author of a recent book on this subject.

After a busy twelve months in which she has coped with all the problems of running the Society, our secretary feels that she would welcome some assistance. She would particularly welcome a minute secretary, some help with typing, and also some help in circulating notices of meetings and other publicity, including this newsletter. One way to keep our subscriptions down to the present level of £2 per annum is to avoid heavy postage costs, so help in distributing our literature is very important. If you feel that you

can be of assistance in any of these ways please ring Jane Nolan on Aylsham 732226.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Alan Quinn circulated a report of our first year's accounts, and this is reproduced separately. It was agreed that subsequent reports would be audited, and a suggestion from the floor that members should not be charged when attending the Society's public meetings will be considered by the Committee. The last action, before breaking for coffee, was to elect officers and committee for the coming year. A full list of those elected is given on the inside front cover so that all members will know who is who. Two retiring committee members who did not stand for re-election, are Gillian Barwick and Ruth Frudd.

Coffee break provided an opportunity to talk to other members and to see the display of photographs of Aylsham Inns prepared by Neville Crick. This was a fore-taste of the workshop reports which occupied most of the second half of the A.G.M. First off was Ron Peabody on Oral History. This group aims to capture people's memories on tape for posterity. Some recordings exist already amongst the parish archives, and it is still the intention to visit Aegel House where a wealth of historic memory exists amongst the residents. A lively discussion followed with particular reference to the difficulties in the actual techniques of recording, asking the correct questions, and putting the speakers sufficiently at ease to ensure a lively flow of recollections.

Recommended reading is the book, "The voice of the past" by Paul Thompson [copies are available in the County Library] This gives useful advice, and model questions designed to prompt maximum recall.

Neville Crick gave us the background to his display with his report on Inns and Breweries. The first aim has been to photograph existing inns, former inns or the sites of former inns. Interesting lines of enquiry abound, such as the changing names of inns, the origins



of certain names, and the possibility of local connections with these names. Heraldic connections with inn signs is also of interest, and a study of facilities associated with pubs could be undertaken. Facilities were rich and varied and included bowling greens, skittle alleys and even a rifle range. Future lines of enquiry will be through breweries and local bottle collectors. Neville is appealing for any photographs, and for particular local knowledge which members may possess. Photographs need only be loaned for a short time for a copy to be taken. The assistance of Tom West has been much appreciated. As could be expected, a very lively discussion ensued, and, who knows?, perhaps a tour of existing inns could be arranged.

A report on the Millgate Group was given by Mrs. Lamb. Members have not yet met formally as a group although a certain amount of work has been carried out by individual members. More members are invited to join the group, and a lot of interesting work is waiting to be tackled. A number of documents, mostly deeds relating to properties in Millgate, have been made available by Tom Bishop. These are being catalogued by Ruth Frudd, and when this has been completed they should provide invaluable source material for the Millgate group, and may even open up subjects of interest for other groups.

A progress report on the next two groups was given by Canon Vyse. One meeting has been held of the Church Documents Group attended by members of the Research group and others. Material to be studied comprises the Churchwarden's accounts, Parish Registers and Vestry minutes. At some future time, a small group might be convened to study the Churchwarden's accounts for a particular period to draw whatever inferences can be drawn about conditions of that period.

The Barnwell Group has made headway sorting through bundles of proofs preserved by Barnwell printers and rescued by Canon Vyse. A sift through all those parcels

listed to date has made it possible to sort the contents into various subject headings. Some ruthless sorting is still required, but eventually a set of the various items should be ready to place in the Town Archives. Other material will be of interest to traders and societies still existing in the town, and some of the material will be useful in the surrounding villages.

One bundle [for March 1915] was opened by pupils at the Middle School as part of an exercise in studying local history. Great interest was generated with the realisation that the bundle was being opened for the first time after 70 years and with no certain knowledge of what the contents might reveal. To add to the interest, the whole event was recorded by video camera, and in the fulness of time even the video recording will become archive material.

The final report was of the activities of the Research Group. Five members of the group were present at the AGM. Under the guidance of Fiona MacDonald the group has been examining a survey of Aylsham completed sometime between 1620 and 1630. This had come to light, bound in with a similar survey of Wymondham, and as far as is known, has not been examined in detail before. As a basis for the study, a transcript had been prepared of the original into a modern, legible hand by Miss MacDonald, and the group then produced a transcript into modern English. Already many interesting details emerge from the survey, particularly names of people and places and there are no ready answers to some of the queries; where, for instance was the 'old market'? The group no longer meets in formal weekly sessions, but individual members will beaver away well into the future under the occasional guidance of Miss MacDonald. There could well be enough material resulting from the study to warrant a separate publication of the Society, nevertheless, it is hoped that the actual survey, which amounts to some 30 pages, might appear in this journal over several issues. The AGM was concluded by secretary, Jane Nolan, with



a note of future activities:-

- further historical walks by Messrs Ducker and Walker will be arranged.
- Cambridge Extra Mural Board through Dr.Hassall Smith will arrange a series of six lectures on Tudor and Stuart history through the winter session
- workshops will continue.
- The society has agreed to participate in the Aylsham festival.

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6, Burgh Road,  
AYLSHAM.

June 1985

Dear Editor,

You have asked me if I can tell you something in Aylsham's past which might interest your members. I think that the following might do so, particularly as it shows what great improvements have taken place in the care of injured persons (since the incident is said to have taken place near the turn of the century) and also we can credit the person concerned with great fortitude and endurance.

I was given the story some years ago of an Aylsham Blacksmith working on his own premises. He was trying to raise some heavy object with the aid of a long iron bar used as a lever. The bar slipped and came down sharply on his thigh, breaking the bone. I am told that this is one of the most painful of fractures. I asked what happened next and was told that the smith got his striker to load him on to a barrow and wheel him home. The barrow would have had an iron shod wheel and the distance home was at least half a mile over a road not then smoothed by tarmac. A doctor called later in the day and put the leg in wooden splints. Some six weeks later the smith was back at work.

You will know that a smith's striker is not someone engaged in industrial action but is the correct name for a skilled assistant.

Yours very sincerely,

DAVID L. WALKER

## AYLSHAM IN 1836

AYLSHAM is a neat and well built *market town*, pleasantly seated on the southern acclivity of the vale of the Bure, nearly 12 miles N. by W. of Norwich; 10 miles S. by W. of Cromer; 7 miles W.S. W. of North Walsham; and 120 miles N.E. by N. of London. At the Norman Conquest, the manor extended into Tuttington, and had 18 carucates, 20 villans and 28 bordars, with woods sufficient for the maintenance of 400 swine. During the reigns of Edward II. and III., Aylsham was the chief town in this part of the kingdom, for the manufacture of *linen*, then called "*Aylsham Webs*," "*Cloth of Aylsham*," &c.; but in succeeding reigns, this branch of business was superseded by the woollen manufacture; and in the time of James I., the inhabitants were chiefly employed in knitting worsted stockings, breeches, and waistcoat pieces. Since the introduction of frame-work knitting, the latter trade has also been discontinued. The town was formerly governed by a bailiff, and had a *weekly market* on Saturday, but this has been changed to *Tuesday*. Two *cattle fairs* are held annually, on March 23rd, and the last Tuesday in September; and a *Hiring Session*, on the first Tuesday in October, with a fair on the following Tuesday, chiefly supported by servants who come hither to renew their apparel, &c. The *Bure*, which washes the foot of the town, was formerly only navigable from Yarmouth to Coltishall, (11 miles below Aylsham bridge by the water, and 7 by land;) but in 1773, an act was obtained for extending the *navigation* to Aylsham, for boats of 40 tons burthen, drawing two feet five inches water, which was completed after many difficulties and interruptions, in October, 1779, at the cost of upwards of £6000, including the cost of the basin and wharfs near the bridge, where much business is done in corn, coal, and timber. The PARISH OF AYLSHAM, including many scattered houses and villas, and the hamlets of Dunkirk and Drabblegate on the opposite side of the river, has increased its *population* since the year 1801, from 1667 to 2334 souls, and comprises about 4030 acres of land, of which 100 are woods and plantations; 350 meadow, and the rest arable. It lies in four MANORS, viz., "*Aylsham, on the part of the Duchy of Lancaster*," held by Lady Suffield; *Aylsham Wood or Sextons*, of which Robt. Copeman, Esq., is lord; *Aylsham Vicarage*, of which the Vicar is lord; and *Bolwick Hall*, of which John Warnes, Esq., is lord. The three first are subject to certain fines, but the last is held by copy of court roll, of Aylsham-Lancaster, and subject to arbitrary fines.

The CHURCH, dedicated to St. Michael, is a handsome Gothic structure, situated near the summit of an abrupt acclivity, on the north side of the Market place, commanding an extensive and picturesque view of the surrounding country. It has a *nave*, with side aisles, two transepts, a chancel, and a square tower, surmounted by a small spire, and containing a clock and an excellent peal of ten

One very fruitful source of local history is the humble directory, which used to provide a potted history and description of the places that it contained, local information and lists of the principal inhabitants and officials. The county of Norfolk

bells. It is said to have been built by the great *John of Gaunt*, Duke of Lancaster, whose duchy court was once held here. In the south window is a painting on glass, of the Salutation, finished in 1516, at the cost of Joan, the wife of Robt. Bell, of Norwich. The font has basso reliefs of the four emblems of the Evangelists, the instruments of the passion, and the arms of Gaunt. The north transept was called St. Peter's Chapel, and had a guild in 1490. In the church and chancel are numerous monumental inscriptions, some inlaid with brass; among which is one to Richard Howard, who built the porch about the year 1480; and another to Thomas Wymer, who is represented in his winding sheet, and caused the screens and roof to be beautifully painted with saints, martyrs, &c., in 1507. Here is also a mutilated monument of Bishop Jeggon, who died here in 1617. In the churchyard, enclosed with iron rails, and planted with roses, hearts'-ease, &c., is the grave of Humpfrey Repton, the celebrated landscape gardener, who died in 1818. The benefice is a vicarage, valued in K. B. at £17. 19s. 7d., and endowed with the rectorial tithes of all that part of the parish on the north-east side of the Bure, with a small manor on the opposite side of that river, where the great tithes, (now leased to the Rev. S. Pitman,) belong to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, together with the advowson of the living, which is now enjoyed by the Rev. Philip Hunt, LL.D. The *Baptists*, and the Wesleyan and the Primitive *Methodists* have each a chapel here; that occupied by the first-named sect, was purchased from the Methodists, who built it in 1789. The *Free School*, near the churchyard, was founded in 1517, by Robt. Jannys, who endowed it with £10 a-year, paid by the Corporation of Norwich, out of the manor of Pakenham. This endowment was for seven free scholars, but the house and school were rebuilt by the late master, Clement Overton; and the latter was enlarged by subscription, in 1814, and is now conducted on the National system, for 50 boys and 50 girls, who pay 1d. each per week; in addition to which the master has the annuity of £10, and a yearly salary raised by voluntary contributions. Archbishop Parker founded two scholarships in Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, for boys from this and Wymondham school, "each to have 12d. a-week for their commons; their chamberer, barber, larderer, and other necessities free." Several cottages and small plots of land were given to the poor by Thos. Cressey, in the reign of James I.; Simon Porter, in 1730, and by the lord of the manor, in 1738. The *Workhouse*, which stands on part of this land, is a large brick building, with accommodation for 100 paupers. The *Savings' Bank*, at the School, was established in 1818, and has deposits amounting to nearly £11,000. The labourers here are much benefitted by two large pieces of land let to them in garden plots, at small rents, by Wm. Repton and Robt. Copeman, Esqrs. The meetings of the *South Erpingham Associations*, for the prosecution of felons, the prevention of incendiarism, and the encouragement of industry and good conduct among servants and labourers, are held at Aylsham; and Mr. James Harrod is secretary to them and the savings' bank. The *Bridewell*, built here by Robert Marsham, in 1543, and rebuilt in 1787, was discontinued as a prison about eight years ago.

is covered by a series of directories which span 101 years. These directories by White, Harrod and latterly Kelly, range from 1836 to 1937. They were never fully comprehensive and contained their fair share of errors, but they are still useful sources



Aylsham was once noted for its SPA, which is situated about half a mile south of the town, and now belongs to Mr. R. Elvin. This chalybeate spring, though now but little used, was formerly much resorted to by invalids afflicted with asthma and other chronic diseases. James Bulwer, Robert Copeman, Thomas Rackham, William Repton, and Wm Wickes, Esqrs., have neat mansions in the town, and are owners of a large portion of the parish, in which are *Bolwick Hall*, 1½ mile S.W., the seat of John Warnes, Esq.; *Coldham Hall*, 1½ mile N.N.E., the property of George De Hague, Esq.; *Aylsham Wood House*, 1 mile N. by E., the seat of J.W. Clover, Esq.; and *Bushey Place*, on the Cromer road, the seat of Mr. Thos. Cook; besides which, there are several other neat residences in the parish, two of them belonging to Messrs. Jas. and H. E. Soame. In 1805, an earthen pot, containing 500 pieces of ancient silver coin, chiefly groats of Henry VII., and pennies of the Edwards, were ploughed up in a field near Aylsham. On Stow Heath, about two miles to the east, are several large *tumuli* or *barrows*, in which two urns, containing human bones and ashes, were found in 1808.

In the following DIRECTORY OF AYLSHAM, those marked 1, reside in Churchgate or Church hill; 2, Hungate; 3, Market place; 4, Millgate; 5, Norwich road; 6, Pinfold st.; 7, Red Lion st.; 8, White Hart st.; 9, Workhouse st.; 10, Cawston road; 11, Cromer road; 12, Aylsham Wood; 13, Blickling road; and 14, Burgh road. The Post-Office is at Mrs. Eliz. Nobbs', in Hungate, where letters arrive every day at 11 morning, and are despatched at 3 afternoon, by the Cromer and Norwich post.

Abbott Mr. Chas. Workhouse st.	9 Hill Wm. ale & porter mercht.
Abbs, Mrs. Mary, Burgh road	Holley Mrs. Ann, Church gate
Bane Geo. Morris, gov. of Workhouse	Holley Mrs. Sar. Church terrace
Bane Rev. John, (Bap.) Hungate	Hunt Rev. Pp. LL.D. Vicarage
Bayfield Thos. gent. Burgh road	Johnson Benj. joiner, Millgate
Beamy Mr. Robt. Hungate st.	7 Lazarus Dd. jeweller, &c.
Bowers Mrs. Virtue, Whitehart st.	Lown Mrs. Ann, White Hart st.
Bulwer Mrs. Bridget, Paradise	Lubbock Mrs. Eliz. White Hart st.
Bulwer Jas. Esq. Norwich road	Mayston Mrs. My. Workhouse st.
7 Canfor Ellis, basket maker	Mitchell Mrs. Han. Workhouse st.
3 Clover John W. sub-distributor of stamps, Manor house	Morris Mary, govass. of Workhs.
11 Cook Thos. gent. Bushey place	Parmeter Rt. solr. Cromer road
Copeman Mrs. Frances, Marketpl.	Parmeter Sl. mert. Blickling rd.
Craske Benj. dyer, Millgate	13 Pering Rev. Peter, A.M. curate
Crisp Stillingfleet Rayner, bookr.	Peterson Benj. gent. Cottage
Dixon Mrs. Ann, Workhouse st.	Porrett Chpr. gent. Cromer road
Dotheredge Mrs. Eliz. Red Lion st.	11 Porrett Thos. upholsterer, &c.
Elvin Mrs. Sar. White Hart st.	Rackham Thos. gent. Cromer rd.
2 Feek R. cattle dlr. & horse brkr.	3 Rainforth J. patten & clog mkr.
Field John, gent. Millgate	Read Mrs. Hanh. Church gate
7 Flauders Smith, excise officer	Robins Mrs. Ann, Millgate
1 Gotterson Mrs. Penelope	Robins Wm. gent. Church gate
5 Harrod Jas. bank clerk, &c.	Ruge Edw. gent. Millgate
Hewitt Mrs. Mary, Market place	Scotts Mrs. Ann, White Hart st.
	8 Seaman, Miss Sophia
	Sharpe Mrs. Ann, Oulton road

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of local information. Kelly's Directories maintained a series covering the English counties right up to the outbreak of World War 2 when costs and paper shortages brought the series to a halt. The last Norfolk directory was for 1937 and the next one, had



Shaw Mrs. Ann, Pinfold street	4 Cory Thos.	2Sands Jas. jun.
Soame Hy. Ed. gent. Cawston rd.	*2Laxen Richd.	7Smith Thos.
Soame Jas. gent. Cawston road	2Sexton Mary	<i>Carvrs. &amp; Gildrs.</i>
Stretton Mrs. Ann, Market place	*3Stoneham Ts.	1Bowers Robt.
Tattam Mr. Rd. Red Lion st.	<i>Beer Houses.</i>	4Harvey Robt.
Warnes John, Esq. Bolwick hall	2Barney James	<i>Coal Merchants,</i>
Wickes Mrs. Susanna, Millgate	4Hagen Robt.	<i>at Canal Basin</i>
Wickes Wm. tanner, Millgate	3Dacy John	Hudson Robt.
Witted J. hat mfr. Red Lion st.	8Poll Henry	9Mayston John
Woods W. millwright, Cawston rd.	<i>Blacksmiths.</i>	7Peachman Ths.
4 Wright Thos. boat builder	7Burton John	Warnes John
Youngs Mrs. Eliz. Millgate	10Butler Wm.	<i>Druggists.</i>
ATTORNEYS.	8Lee William	7Bane Wm.
Copeman & Parmeter, Blickling rd.	7Pike William	3Connold Thos.
Copeman Robert, clerk of the peace	<i>Booksellers.</i>	2Nobbs Eliz.
for Norfolk	3Clements Chs.	<i>Coopers.</i>
Juby John, Church terrace	7Frery Rbt. H.	8Parker John
Repton William, Market place	<i>Boot and Shoe</i>	2Smith James,
BANKS.	<i>Makers.</i>	<i>Corn Millers.</i>
Copeman Rt. & Edw. Norwich rd.	2Barnes Edw.	8Jarvis Edwd.
draw on Hankey & Co. London	2Barney Jas.	4Parmeter S. & F.
Savings' Bank, School lane, open	7Carman Thos.	10Soame Geo.
Monday, from 12 to 1 o'clock.	4Clark Joseph	<i>Curriers, &amp;c.</i>
Mr. Jas. Harrod, secretary.	3Clements Chs.	13Clark Richd.
FIRE AND LIFE OFFICE	1Doughty Rbt.	2Evans David
AGENTS.	3Elden Wm.	2Frery John
Clerical, Medical, & General Life.	10 Foxhall Ths.	<i>Farmers.</i>
Thos. Connold, Market place	7Frery Rbt. H.	Ashley Henry,
Equitable Fire, Thos. Connold,	2George Philip	(steward) Burgh
Market place	7Grey Wm.	road
Norwich Union, J. W. Clover,	7Mack Edward	Blyth William
Market place	8Norton John	Boddy G. Spa.
INNS AND TAVERNS.	2Ostick Rbt.	10Bond Robt.
Anchor, Wm. Mash, Millgate	7Payne James	Colk John,
Black Boys Inn, & Excise Office,	7Rust Vincent	Coldham Hall
Charles Tattam, Market place	3Thurtle Rbt.	12Frosdick DL
Bull, Benj. Brett, Red Lion st.	9Turner Benj.	12Frosdick My.
Cross Keys, Lucy Ulph, Red	7White George	7Godfrey Thos.
Lion street	<i>Brewer.</i>	Goodwin Fras.
Dog Inn, Wm. Cutting, Norwich rd.	9Polly Henry	10Lake Wm.
New Inn, Samuel Scotter, Red	<i>Bricklayers.</i>	2Moore George
Lion street	9Horstead Ann	Palmer Jane
Red Lion, Wm. Legood, Red	2Horstead Jas.	4Tippie George
Lion street	14Lacey Benj.	Tippie Wm.
Star, Php. P. Wilson, Red Lion st.	10Ward & Bird	<i>Gardeners, &amp;c.</i>
Unicoru, Wm. Newstead, Hungate	<i>Brickmakers.</i>	4Fitt James
Academies.	10Soame Jas.	2Fitt John
Balls Anna M.	5Warnes John	2Randell Wm.
Balls Jno. (free)	<i>Butchers.</i>	11Stearman Cs.
SHindray Jas.	7Batson Potter	9Stearman Jas.
8Rust Wm.	7Chapman Jno.	10Stearman Jas.
9Wright Wm.	7Clark James	jun.
	Hagen J. Twn. In	Thaxter Edw.
	7 Barnes Fiddy	

it appeared, would probably have been 1940 or 1941. After World War 2, the cost and sheer labour of providing a county directory ensured that they never appeared again. Only directories for individual towns were feasible, and that for Norwich appeared until 1975

2Ward Geo. <i>Glass, &amp;c. dtrs.</i>	4Moon Sarah <i>Painters, Plbrs. and Glaziers.</i>	<i>Vetn. Surgeons.</i>	8Silence Geo.
8Jarvis Edw.	Doughty Wm.	6Howes Jph.	3Wade C. Rice
3Skidmore A.	8Elvin Robt.	1Howes Rt.	<i>Wheelerights.</i>
<i>Grocers &amp; Dprs.</i>	7Pert Wm.	6Smith Rd.	Bowers Robt.
3Bulley Jas.	7Pratt Wm.	<i>Watchmks, &amp;c.</i>	6Glister Thos.
3Clover Jno. W.	<i>Saddlers, &amp;c.</i>	7Barber Wm.	11Smith Robert,
7Frary Rt. Ham.	3Butler John	3Connold Thos.	(coach & gig)
8Jarvis Edw.	7Frankland J.	7Fitt John	8Ulph John
7Matchin Sar.	7Hounsfield E.		
3Powell Benj.	3Laxen Richd.		
4Williams Phoe.	7Lemon Benj.		
<i>Hair Dressers.</i>	7Tillett Benj.		
8Ulph Wm.	<i>Stone Mason.</i>		
7Wilson Php. P.	Freeman John,		
<i>Ironmongers.</i>	Millgate		
2Cook W. Brnd.	<i>Surgeons.</i>		
7Pearson John	2Saunders W.		
7Platten Ed. S.	1Smith Fredk.		
<i>Joiners, &amp;c.</i>	6Spurgeon A.C.		
* <i>are Cabt. mks.</i>	3Taylor Saml.		
4Bartram Wm.	<i>Tailors, &amp;c.</i>		
1Bowers Rt.	* <i>Clothes whs.</i>		
3*Burrell G. E.	7Breese Stphu.		
6Glister Thos.	Duffield Jas.		
6*Grimson Jn.	5Flaxman Jno.		
11Hopkins Ths.	2Frary John		
2Proudfoot Jno.	7*Haddon Jas.		
8Starling Robt.	7Hopkins John		
<i>Maltsters.</i>	11*Smith Mary		
4Parmeter S. & F	7*Spooner Hy.		
<i>Milliners, &amp;c.</i>	8*Sutton John		
7Baxter Jane	<i>Timber Merts.</i>		
8Broughton E.	Boone Wm.		
1Dadley J. & J.	2Calver Thos.		
7Fitt Ann			

## COACHES.

The *Mail*, from the Black Boys Inn, to Cromer, 3 morning, and to Norwich, 3 afternoon. Also a *coach* to Holt, 5 afternoon, and to Norwich, 9 morning.

The *Enterprise*, from the New Inn to Cromer, Tue. Wed. & Thu.  $\frac{1}{2}$  p. 10 mg. and to Norwich,  $\frac{1}{4}$  bef. 3 afternoon.

## CARRIERS.

To *Norwich*, John Chapman, Red Lion-street, Tue. and Sat.; Charles Boughey, Hungate, W. & Sat.; and George Cooper, Cawston road, Sat. 5 morning.

To *Norwich*, from the Red Lion, John Gagen, Thu. 4 aft., and to *Wells*, Sat. 6 morning.

To *Banningham & Holt*, from the Dog, Wed. and Sat. 5 aft.

To *Cromer, Sherringham, &c.* from the Cross Keys, Sat. 5 evng.

## WATER CARRIAGE.

S. & T. Parmeter's wherries, &c. from the Basin, every week.

For the benefit of members of the Society, who are studying particular aspects of Aylsham's history, and for the entertainment of those who are not, we will try to include the entry for Aylsham from each of the directories, starting in this issue with the first directory of 1836 published by W. White. The next issue will contain that from the 1845 edition. Some of the material will be repetitive, but there will be enough new material in each entry to make them worth including.

## BARNWELL'S BUNDLES

One thing that was clear from examining the contents of the Barnwell bundles was just how many things are unchanged from the period of 70 - 80 years ago. There were bowls clubs and tennis clubs and society functions in the Town Hall, just as there are today. However, one particular society existed in May 1911 that it would be hard to imagine existing today. "The Aylsham and District Rat and Sparrow Club" had 200 rules cards printed for its flourishing membership. The President was Colonel B.B.Sapwell, and there were two colonels and one major amongst the seven vice-presidents, so the military were well represented. The committee was vast and was composed of representatives from Aylsham and 24 surrounding villages. The rules of the society make interesting reading and are reproduced in full below.

## AYLSHAM AND DISTRICT RAT AND SPARROW CLUB.

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### RULES.

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1.—That this Club be called the "Aylsham and District Rat and Sparrow Club," and include the parishes of Aylsham, Tuttington, Colby, Bunningham, Erpingham, Iugworth, Calthorpe, Blickling, Oulton, Cawston, Marsham, Burgh, Oxead, Brampton, Suffield, Felmingham, Skeyton, Wolterton, Itteringham, Wickmere, Brandiston, Buxton, Lamas with Hautbois, Alby and Thwaite, and Booton.

2.—That the Club consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and a Committee

3.—That occupiers of land shall pay 1d. per acre on their arable land and plantations, with a minimum subscription of 2s. ; Cottagers, 6d. each.

4.—That resident gentlemen owners and occupiers of land and gardens be invited to co-operate, and become Honorary Members.

5.—That no rat or sparrow shall count unless taken in the above-named parishes.—(Rule 1).

6.—Old rats and old sparrows to be paid for at the rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. each ; nest rats and young sparrows and eggs, 3d. per dozen.

7.—That the Committee-men in each parish shall receive and destroy, and pay for same at a time which they shall fix.

8.—The Secretary shall have power to call a Committee Meeting when necessary.

9.—That the General Meeting shall be held in the month of January, for the purpose of auditing accounts and general business.

10.—That the Secretary shall settle-up with the Committee-men at the beginning of each quarter.

11.—That each member shall produce one rat or one sparrow for each acre of his holding before receiving any payment for rats and sparrows killed on his holding.

12.—That only house and tree sparrows and rats be paid for.

13.—The financial year ends 11th October.

14.—The Management Committee shall appoint a professional sparrow killer for the whole district.

#### "BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL HISTORY"

The Aylsham Local History Society has agreed to subscribe to membership of the above for a trial period of one year to see if there are benefits to be gained from membership, in which case membership will be renewed. One of the immediate benefits is the receipt of a considerable amount of literature, some of which was on display at the A.G.M. One problem is how to make this literature readily available to members of the Society, and we are fortunate to be able to record that Helen Bacon will make this available at the gallery and bookshop in White Hart Street, where a folder will be available for members to consult.



# THE AYLSHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY ACCOUNTS 1984/5

## GENERAL ACCOUNT

<u>General Receipts</u>	£	
Subscriptions (64)	128.00	
Entrance fees	20.70	
Coffee receipts	2.20	
Bank interest.	6.90	
	<u>157.80</u>	157.80

## General payments

Stationery, postage etc.	17.80	
Posters	6.00	
Refreshments	3.28	
Speakers' fees	14.00	
Hire of hall	<u>28.60</u>	
	<u>69.68</u>	<u>69.68</u>

Surplus in General account 88.12

## HISTORY RESEARCH GROUP ACCOUNT .

Course fees	240.00	
less CLEMB fee	<u>135.00</u>	
Surplus in Research account	<u>105.00</u>	105.00

## SURPLUS

Surplus in General account	88.12	
Surplus in Research account	<u>105.00</u>	
Total surplus	193.12	193.12

Surplus held in:

Deposit account in bank	150.90	
Current account in bank	25.00	
cash in hand	<u>17.22</u>	
	<u>193.12</u>	193.12

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Treasurer: Mr. A. Quinn  
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