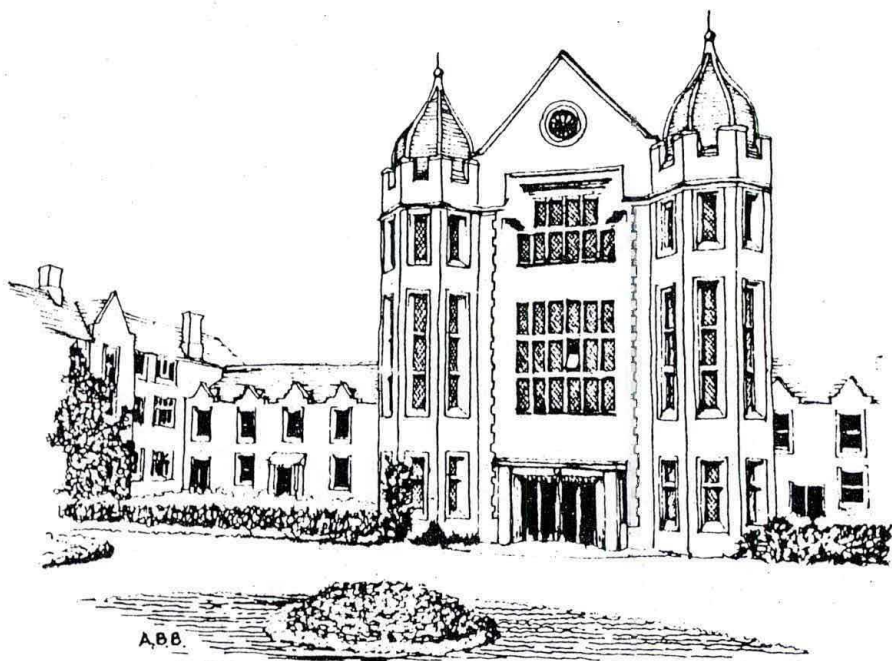


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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The third Annual General Meeting was held on 1st. October 1986 in the Parish Room. The change of date appears to suit members, as the Meeting was well attended. The officers' reports reveal that the Society is in a healthy state with a membership, last year, of 71 and a programme of activities to cater for most tastes.

Last year's officers were re-elected, but two new names appear on the committee, with Mary Elsey and Anne Williams replacing Helen Bacon and Neville Crick. The Treasurer's report shows our finances to be equally healthy. (A summary of the accounts appears on the back page of this issue) After refreshments, the evening ended with a slide show of scenes of Aylsham past and present, presented by Ron Peabody.

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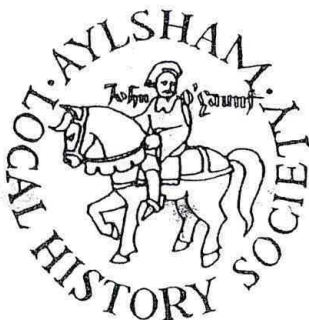
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LOGO

Are you any good at design? Could you, for instance, design an apt and elegant logo which the Society could use on all its stationery and publications, something that would identify the Society immediately and become familiar and recognisable to all?

At the last meeting of the Society, the question of using a logo was discussed. It would appear that we have all the expertise we need, within the Society, to produce a logo, all we need is someone with the ideas for creating the design. What do you think? Could you create one? Do we need one? Let's have your views!

Here is one design which has already been submitted:-



The heavy rainfall during August 1986, and particularly during the Bank Holiday period (25/26 Aug) when over 1 inch of rain fell, prompted me to look up records of the flood of 1912. This was in August, and co-incidentally on August 25/26th. Quoting from *British Rainfall 1912* I see it is called "The great rain storm of August 25/26 1912"

This was caused by a depression moving slowly N.E. over East Anglia, and then suddenly changing direction to E. when over Norfolk. Such conditions of a sudden change in direction of a depression usually produce heavy rainfall. Although the whole of East Anglia was affected, the eastern half of Norfolk received the heaviest rainfall in the 24 hours starting on the early morning of the 26th.

Total rainfall for the period was:

Rippon Hall	6.05 inches
Millgate	6.09 inches
Coltishall	6.88 inches
Sprowston	7.19 inches
Old Catton	7.62 inches

This was unprecedented rainfall, and caused very serious flooding in the Bure valley, and also in the valleys of the Waveney and Wensum.

Water built up behind the railway embankment of the M & GN railway at Drabblegate until it gave way, and allowed a rush of water downstream. I can remember my father saying that he left the mill in Dunkirk at 6 pm. and everything was dry. At 6.30 he was called back to find 2 feet of water in the buildings. The rush of water damaged the lock gates at various points downstream to Horstead. The Aylsham Navigation Company had been in a depressed state for some time, losing trade to the railways. The damage caused by the floods was the final blow, and wherries ceased to use the river above Horstead. Wherries trapped on the river above Buxton Mill had to be hauled out of the water, and re-floated downstream

of Buxton Mill. Damage to bridges was severe, and most brick-arched bridges were destroyed due to the weight of water pushing the brickwork upwards - something they were not designed to withstand.

A train was trapped in Aylsham station with all its passengers, and could not move west to King's Lynn until the embankment had been repaired. The road to Dunkirk was like a river, and all the low-lying meadows in the Bure valley were flooded. There are many photographs in the Parish Council archives of the flooding.

Although I can remember flooding of Mash's Row many times, and have often watched the water creep up to within a few inches of the mill, it was not until April 1981, that there was flooding similar to the 1912 disaster. The rainfall of April 1981 was four inches over a period of three days, the highest that I have recorded. One inch on Saturday morning, two inches on Sunday morning and one inch Monday morning. By lunch time on Sunday, Mash's Row had been flooded, and water was running over the road. By 6 pm. water was running through the old mill buildings to a depth of 18 inches. Luckily, but with foresight, the new mill had been built on ground just above flood level. The water came to within 6 inches of the floor.

I have maintained rainfall records for the Meteorological Office since 1966, and I have my father's records from 1920. Mr. T.W.Purdy has made available to me his father's records from 1883, so I have a complete record of Aylsham rainfall from that date - just over 100 years.

Perhaps some of the data might be of interest. I have been particularly interested to note that the average annual rainfall for the 10 year period 1969-1978 was 2 inches less than the average for all other ten year periods. So the seventies were much drier than normal. It is also interesting to know that all months at some time, qualify for the wettest of the year, and all months qualify for the driest month of the year.

Wettest year	1912	36.38 inches
The driest year	1921	16.75 inches
The wettest month	August 1912	9.48 inches
The driest month	February 1985	0.04 inches

Average monthly rainfall for the 90 year period from 1889 to 1978:-

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
2.31	1.78	1.80	1.69	1.82	1.82	2.49	2.37	2.20	2.67

Nov	Dec	Total
2.78	2.49	<u>26.22</u>

This shows that the second half of the year is much wetter than the first half. Since 1978 the average annual rainfall has been near normal, thus:-

1979	27.06 inches
1980	24.93 inches
1981	26.92 inches
1982	27.15 inches
1983	23.21 inches
1984	26.87 inches
1985	24.93 inches

and for this year the rainfall has been:-

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
2.78	0.63	2.47	2.27	1.75	0.83	1.79	3.30

The figures show that February will probably be the the driest month of 1986, and it is quite possible that August will be the wettest month. Time will tell!

Many years ago, two small girls, with some friends were walking down Cromer Road hill, with a doll's pram. Suddenly, one of the friends called out,

"Oh, here comes Annie Rooney"

Having heard that Annie Rooney was a 'witch', the two young girls promptly left their friends with the doll's pram, and scuttled for home. They were very young!

Annie Rooney, poor soul, was only a tramp who walked from one workhouse to another regularly in the summer-time. Where she spent the winter months is unknown. She was bent-backed, and usually dressed in black, and was rather frightening to young children. The friends brought back the doll's pram later, and explained matters to my mother, who made sure we would not be so scared in the future.

Another Aylsham character with whom we were well acquainted, was Billy, or "Trawler" Newman. He had spent many years as a seaman, and always wore a navy blue 'garnsey' and blue-peaked cap. Billy used to help my father in the garden, and was very versatile. He could play an accordin, do a bit of clog-dancing and could tell several rather far-fetched yarns. He also liked a drink now and again, and one year my mother made some elderberry wine. We had a large elderberry tree in the garden and it seemed a pity to waste the berries, she said. She and my father were strict teetotallers.

When the wine was made, it was put into two large stone bottles, and placed at the back of a very dark cupboard under the stairs. It remained forgotten for two years, and only came to light after a special spring-clean. My father suggested it was offered to Billy, who eagerly accepted one bottle. About two days later, when he came to help, he knocked on the kitchen door and asked,

"Hey ya got eny more o' that there wine, missus? that were real good stuff, an' if ya dorn't want it, I'd be

glad to teark it orf on ya". He got it, and we learned after that he had a 'werry good night'.

Another chap who was a baker's delivery man, used to bring a covered cart with a lid, which held the very good crusty loaves. Unwrapped, of course, and brought to the door in a basket. He was also Billy, and one day my father said,

" I suppose you do get a holiday sometimes, Billy?"

"Whoi, yis" he replied, "I allmust allus, sometime gen'ally git a harf deays holiday on a Wednesday".

Again, another Billy used to push a fairly large coster-monger's barrow round, laden with greengroceries. These were also brought to the door and were always very fresh. Billy Pye lived to a ripe old age, and spent a great deal of his leisure time collecting for the hospital. He was very proud of the fact that because of his very successful efforts he was made a life-governor of the hospital.

For several years milk was delivered by a lad who had a pail on either side suspended from a wooden yolk across his shoulders. It was measured out of the pails with cans holding a half, and one pint. These hung on hooks on each pail. All these deliveries sound very un-hygienic compared with present day standards, yet the people who consumed them lived into their eighties and nineties.

Another well-known Aylsham man was George Neale, the vergar during the time of Canon Hoare. Rumour has it that one morning, during a church service, he was heard to say, in a very loud 'whisper' to the choir boys,

" Be you quiet, you little warmints, or I'll feel o' yer lugs"

Billy must have been a favourite name in Aylsham in 'days of yore'. One who contributed much to the enjoyment of Aylsham people was Billy Larter, whose daughter, Mrs Joyce Wells, is still fortunately with us, as church organist. Her father, Billy Larter, gave much pleasure

to many people, because he was always 'game for a laugh'. He was quick-witted and jokes came easily, and he added much to an Aylsham carnival, the year in which he was crowned king.

Dr. Morton was an excellent and popular doctor with an unusual 'hail-fellow-well-met' attitude to his patients. He was the first man to have a private car in Aylsham. It was chauffeur-driven (make unknown) and a strange looking vehicle compared with modern types, but, as he used to say, "It gets me there quicker".

One gentleman, a retired colonel, used to pedal into town on a tricycle, with a basket fastened on the front. He would park it in our garage yard, then stand on the cobble-stones under the archway and read his shopping list aloud, "Ham, butter, cheese, etc." When he seemed quite satisfied that he knew just where he had to go, he would move off, to return about an hour later laden with packages which would be placed in the basket. Then he would mount, and used to say, "Coast home, man, all downhill, you know."

'Pompey' Doughty, in pre-1914 years, was a chimney sweep, who carried his brushes and tools of his trade round on a 'dickey' cart. I do not remember ever seeing him with a clean face. It was said that Pompey's dickey [donkey] could find its way home from anywhere, even if Pompey was too drunk to drive. Linked with Pompey was another Aylsham man, Hardy Jex. As a side-line he carried on a scrap merchant's business, and for this he used a pony and cart. We children used to sing:-

*Some talk of Alexander, and some of Hercules
of Hector and Lysander, and such great names as these
but of all the world's great heroes, there's none
that can compare
With Pompey Doughty's dickey, and Hardy Jex's mare.*

Postmen, on foot, or on bicycles could always be seen in the town. They wore navy blue uniforms trimmed

with red stripes, and brass buttons, with cape to match. There were two strictly timed deliveries every day, and one particular postman was very amusing. He would put a letter into the letter-box, then as he walked away, would turn two or three times to make sure he had not dropped one.

Telegram delivery boys also wore the same type of uniform, and could often be seen speeding along on their bicycles. Policemen on the beat were also a familiar sight. Here again was one outstanding character. He always carried a little cane tucked into his belt, and used it to disperse gangs of boys who might be about to commit a prank! Oh, for his counterpart today! Such memories of people who helped to make Aylsham the thriving little town it is today.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

Friday 30th. Jan. '87 - New Year Party - details still to come, but it will be a party as attractive and successful as last year's.

<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>11th. February</i>	<i>)</i>	<i>last three in the</i>
	<i>4th. March</i>	<i>)</i>	<i>series of lectures</i>
	<i>25th March</i>	<i>)</i>	<i>arranged by CUEMB</i>

Wednesday 29th. April, at the Friendship Club, Mrs. Liz Griffiths on the history of Blickling and its relationship with Aylsham. Mrs. Griffiths is the wife of Peter Griffiths of the National Trust.

SEPTEMBER [probably!] - an outing to be arranged to St. Faith's Priory

AYLSHAM WATCH AND CLOCKMAKERS

Following on their earlier article on Aylsham watch and clockmakers, Eileen and Robin Rush have written again with additional information on two particular clockmakers:-

"We came across this lovely detailed advertisement about watch repairing in Aylsham between 1752 and 1755. The watch and clockmaker is Joseph Bowles"

Makes and carefully repairs all sorts of watches in as neat and cheap a manner as in London, and having been brought up in the trade, makes no doubt of performing work of any sort in the watch way, as well as any other person, and will think himself much obliged to any gentlemen or ladies who will please to favour him with their employ.

He also makes clocks to go with springs or weights, as chime clocks, spring repeaters, quarter clocks and silent pulls in the neatest, soundest and best manner, also church and turret clocks, church chimes and quarters, brass jacks of the best workmanship and goodness and at the lowest prices.

12.4.1752

"Joseph Bowles died in 1755, we also found an advertisement of his stock for sale"

The stock of the late Joseph Bowles, late of Aylsham, deceased, clock and watchmaker, to be disposed of on reasonable terms. For further particulars enquire of Mr. John Bowles, St. Faiths Alley, or Mr. Thomas Sadler, clock and watchmaker in Magdalen St. Norwich. 12.4.1755

"We thought that some of your readers would be interested in reading these adverts. We also have a mystery maker. He is not on our list of Aylsham makers, but we have

seen two grandfather clocks in Aylsham that have the name 'GREEN - Aylsham' painted on their dials. We can find no reference to a maker of that name. We have a theory that maybe he was from a different town, and made the clocks for Aylsham people, therefore putting his name and Aylsham on the dials. We would like any information, please, on GREEN watchmaker.

[Eileen and Robin Rush can be contacted at - 13 Pound Lane, Aylsham. Telephone: 733653]

MORE ADDITIONS TO THE COUNTY LIBRARY, OF LOCAL INTEREST.

BOWYER Michael.	Air Raid! The enemy air offensive against East Anglia 1939-45
COOK Mildred	More memories of Dereham.
DAY Harold	Norwich School of painters.
GILBERT T.	Employment and unemployment in the Norwich diocese.
JOLLY Cyril	Man who missed the massacre
KAYE Barbara	The company we kept.
MAYS Spike.	Return to Anglia
NORFOLK NATURALISTS TRUST	Nature around Dereham.
SMITH Sheenah	Lowestoft Porcelain in Norwich Castle Museum. 2 vols.
WEST Harold	Colourful characters from East Anglia

For several years now, I have been making tape recordings of interviews with local people, and of meetings and events, to form part of the Parish Archives collection. The full list is given at the end.

As you can see, the tapes cover different aspects of life in Aylsham, past and present, but there are always recordings you wish you had made. If any members are willing to help with this work, please contact Mary Elsey who is now leading the oral history group in our Society. Here are some extracts from the tapes:-

HERBERT JONES - Basketmaker (Interviewers: Nick Crick
and Ron Peabody)

"I came to Aylsham in 1915 . . . When my father came out of the Forces, he took up basketmaking, and we started business in 1922. From about 1920 to 1922 he learned his trade at North Walsham, and a pal of his that was working there used to come home in the evenings, and while he was teaching my father I was also learning a bit about the business, and after leaving school, I went into the business with him....
... We plant the willows on wet or damp land like meadow land, or something like that, and after two years the willows are cut, and then some that are fit for making into white, we stand in the tank to root again, then when they're rooted we pull them through an instrument called the break to break the skin and make them white. The others are stored and dried until about September or October, when we, before using them for basketwork, you see, we have to soak them again.

Now there are two ways of soaking; either in cold water, which takes roughly ten to fourteen days, or in water and bring it to a boil, and let them boil for about twenty minutes, and they can be used straight away. We used the latter method most of the time, because they always seem more pliable when going

through the hot water process than the cold ... Buff willows - that's when the willows are boiled about three to four hours and then peeled, but mostly we bought from merchants and rather better quality than our own. Then, of course, making - well - our main trade was skeps for farmers for feeding bullocks, brotch making for thatching stacks, crab peds for fishermen, wattle fencing for gardens, and that kind of thing, but of course there was also shopping baskets, and my father also brought out a chair for carrying a child on the back of a cycle. We made hundreds of those, and this was made in buff and varnished..."

MABEL SPINKS - who worked in several shops in the town.
(Interviewer: Ron Peabody)

"... Well, I was born in 1914 .. when I started work, I only got 2/6d a week, you know ... Then I worked in Roofe's shop, which was Jimmy Roofe's; all during the war I was in there, that was a grocer's shop"

[RP "whereabouts was that?"]

"Well, where Winter's the paper shop ... and Mr. Roofe had that for years, well I worked there for twenty years, yes I did. All the war years I was in there, when you had to weigh everything up - sacks of sugar, blocks of lard. I used to cut up a side of bacon. We used to go down the cellar, me, you know the size of me, used to go down the cellar, and another girl and I used to cut up this side of bacon, and the bacon side was bigger than me. Look, we used to carry that up, and then a certain bone you had to take out, you know, then you bone it, a certain bone you take out to cut it, then you'd bone it, then you'd cut it up on the machine as you want it. Well, I don't think there's many girls today could cut a side of bacon, they wouldn't know what - ..." " ... because you see, after my parents died, I went and lived in Red Lion Street. I lived there twenty years, and I lived over the Baby Shop which is Mrs. Ward's..." "...Well,

when they did Mr. Frazer's, and altered that, I still lived next door over that Baby Shop, but I had to go in the bottom door, you see, 'cause I had one room down, and I remember going home from work from Barnwell's one day, and going in, and they were doing this, pulling all this place about for Mr. Frazer, and they were digging and the fellow's pickaxe went too deep, and there was a well! , and it was nearly on top of my door! it was huge! a well!. You see, years ago everybody had wells . . . and they were all buried up ... and half the places, I suppose, still got them, only they filled in. But I shall never forget that great big well near my - I was frightened..."

[Roofe's; Winter's shop is - 27 Red Lion St. Frazer's office is 32, and the Baby Shop is 34 Red Lion St.]

CYRIL ("SAM") SPINKS -- Mill worker for 55 years
(Interviewers: Lynette Rust and Ron Peabody)

[LR - Sam, can you remember starting at the mill?]

"yes"

[LR - How old were you when you went?]

"Thirteen, I left school and passed an examination, and left school and went to work at the mill at thirteen years old"

[LR - Was that in 1904?]

"yes"

[LR - Where did you work in the flour mill?]

"I started as a boy, when I first went there - errand boy, used to take telegrams to the Post Office, go round to the Belt to the house and get milk for the cats, and that sort of thing ... and I got 4/- a week twelve hours a day, now that's the honest truth, as soon as I sit in this chair... I was born 13th. September 1890"

[RP - You'd remember the wherries, then?]

"I should think so, I rode on scores of them - 'Cyprus' 'Alexandra', 'Kate', 'Zulu' "

[RP - Was 'Zulu' the one that was trapped when the

floods came?]

"No"

[RP - Which one was that? - It got caught between here and Buxton, didn't it?]

"Yes, - that's right, and I went as a boy, and greased the slides what that keel was on - we took her out of one river, crossed the road into another river, and I was the boy, I had to grease these slides where that keel slide in, you see - she was crossed up, you know, kept upright, and put her out of one river into another 'cause the lock was washed away. And I went there as a boy, and that's the hardest day's work I ever done in my life - carrying them great long pieces of wood, you know, "

[RP - Do you remember how big the wherries were?]

"Fifteen tons, two men ... and they'd go from here to Yarmouth and back, 30 shillings that was their wages, 15 shillings each, and they'd be gone a week, and they'd take their food for a week in a frail basket, if you know what that is, and they'd bring the grub back again, they'd live on beer going down there and coming back - that is the truth. That was wherry men in those days"

[RP - What did they carry?]

"Fifteen tons - anything, coal, kale, cake, corn, maize anything of that sort, and bring groceries up here for the shops up town - onions, great boxes of onions - all sorts".

List of recordings in Aylsham Parish Archives - October '86

- 1 PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING 16 March 1978
- 2 STOCK MARKET 20 March 1978
- 3 AYLSHAM ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 26 April
1978
- 4 HERBERT JONES - Basketmaker 20 February 1979
- 5 AYLSHAM, Canada: Copy of recording made of the
voices and sounds of Aylsham, Norfolk for the people
of Aylsham, Canada. March 1979
[contains: Parish church bells, Nola Golden, Ron
Peabody, John of Gaunt First School, St.Michael's
Hospital (Sister Groves), Salvation Army Band,
Jason Partner, Rev.Canon Jack Vyse, Aegel House
(Mr.Cowling and Miss Emmerson - Thirkettle family)
Aylsham First School (St.Michael's) Aylsham
Nursery School, Silver Band, Ben Rust, Friendship
Club, Aylsham Middle School, Bertie Jex, Stock
Market, Mrs.E.Seeley (Brownies and Guides)]
- 6 PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING 15 March 1979
- 7 & 8 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 31 May 1979
- 9 MRS. CRAME Oakfield Rd. (Recreation Ground)
31 January 1980
- 9 AYLSHAM BY PASS (Ian Taylor, Resident Engineer,
Norfolk County Council - for the bypass. 26 Feb 1980)
Opening Ceremony on 2 May 1980
- 10 CYRIL "Sam" SPINKS & ARCHIE GOULD 17 April 1980
Aylsham "Steam"Mill workers, wherries etc.
- 11 RADIO NORFOLK 'Village Voice' programme on Aylsham
2 August 1981
[contains: Ron Peabody (Parish Archives) Rev.Canon

- 11 [(cont. J.Vyse (Parish Church), Ben Rust (Mills),
Yvonne Knott (Aylsham WI and Town Sign), John
Horner & Son (Smithy, Cawston Rd.) Geoffrey Key
(Stock Market) John Lines (Auction Rooms) Mr.B.
Kerbotson(Administrator St.Michaels Hospital) and
various townsfolk in the Market Place.
- 12 SIDNEY DACK & BERTIE KEELER Aylsham railways
28 November 1981
- 13 PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING 11 March 1982
- 14 AYLSHAM TOWN SIGN Dedication of new sign ceremony
21 April 1982, Aylsham Evening W.I. Mrs.Yvonne
Knott, President & Mrs.Barnard, Past President.
- 15 PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING 10 March 1983
- 16 MABEL SPINKS Aylsham shops 27 April 1983
- 16 DEREK NORTON Aylsham Silver Band 27 June 1983
- 17 AEGEL HOUSE Home for the elderly, Burgh Rd.
Mrs. Laxen and other residents, interviewed on
3 May and 12 June 1985

BURE VALLEY SINGERS Recorded in Aylsham church
February 1982

NOSTALGIA CORNER

Mrs. Skoyles reminiscences mention the Postal services of her childhood. The following extract from the 'Aylsham & North Walsham Illustrated Almanac for 1897', a period even earlier, shows that Aylsham people didn't do too badly for a postal service in those days.

AYLSHAM POST OFFICE.

The Office is open for general business from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Telegraph business from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. *Money Orders and Savings' Bank from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. *Postal Orders from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays, open from 8 a.m. till 10 a.m., for Letters and Telegrams only.

Mails made on week days at 9.35 a.m., 12.15, 2.15, 5.35, and 7.45 p.m. On Sundays at 5 p.m. only.

Parcels are dispatched by same mails on week days, but must be handed in at the office five minutes earlier; also at 2.15 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Mails made up for Hanworth and Cromer at 3.30 a.m.

Deliveries commence at 7 a.m., 10.20 a.m., and 5.45 p.m. on Week Days. Sundays at 7 a.m. only.

There is no Parcels Post on Sundays.

There is only one despatch on Bank Holidays, viz., 7.45 p.m.

* Suspended at Noon on Bank Holidays.

H. A. McCREEDY, Postmaster.

The following are the Rural Messengers despatched to the Neighbouring Districts.

GEORGE BODY—Blickling, Oulton, Itteringham, Mannington Hall, and Wolterton.

JAMES M. ROBERTS—Banningham, Colby, and Suffield.

T. SHAW, Letter Carrier—Tuttington and Burgh.

H. WILLIAMSON, Sub-Postmaster, Itteringham.

R. FAIRBAIRN, " Oulton.

R. CRANE, " Banningham.

W. FUTTER, " Tuttington

Other Postal Information.

TELEGRAMS.

Messages throughout the Kingdom are charged at the rate of 6d. for the first twelve words, address included, and $\frac{1}{4}$ for every additional word.

LETTERS.

The Prepaid Rates of Postage are as follows :—

Not exceeding 1 oz., 1d.—1 oz. but not exceeding 2, 1½d.—
2 ozs. but not exceeding 4, 2d.—4 ozs. but not exceeding 6, 2½d.,
—6 oz. but not exceeding 8, 3d.—8 ozs. but not exceeding 10,
3½d.—10 ozs. but not exceeding 12, 4d.—and ½d. for every
additional 2 ozs.

REGISTRATION.

The fee for Registering a Letter, Newspaper, or Book Packet is 2d. in addition to the postage; and all Registered Letters, &c., must be given to an Officer of the Post Office, and a Receipt taken for it. If dropped into a Letter Box, and additional Fee of 8d. will be charged on delivery (less any amount paid for registration).

POSTAL ORDERS.—FOR SMALL REMITTANCES.

For 1s. or 1s. 6d.	½d. each
For 2s., 2s. 6d., 3s., 3s. 6d., 4s., 4s. 6d., } 5s., 7s. 6d., 10s., or 10s. 6d. . . . }	1d. „
For 15s. or 20s.	1½d. „

By the use of not more than five penny stamps affixed to the face of an order, any broken amount may be made up.

PARCEL POST.

Parcels *not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight* are received at any Post Office for transmission between places in the United Kingdom.

In order that a packet may go by Parcel Post, it must be tendered for transmission as a parcel, and should bear the words "Parcels Post,"—which should be clearly written in the left-hand top corner. Parcels must not be posted in the Letter Box, but handed over the counter.

The size allowed for an Inland Postal Parcel :—

Greatest length, 3ft. 6in. Greatest length & girth combined, 6ft.

The Rates of Postage are for a Parcel :—

Not exceeding 1 lb. in weight 3d.
and for every additional pound or part thereof, 1½d.

Compensation given for loss or damage to Inland Parcels according to the following scale.—An amount not exceeding—
£2 without payment of a fee. £5 on payment of a fee of 2d.

For Foreign Rates, &c., see Postal Guide.

Jewellery or any precious article should not be sent by Parcels Post. No compensation will be given if lost.

As a result of the brief mention, in the last issue, of the "Ulph Family News" we now have the promise of a brief article from Colin Ulph at some future date about the activities of his ancestors in nineteenth century Aylsham. In the meantime, we are reprinting part of an article from the last issue of the Ulph Family News by Valerie Arnold about her father Harry Ulph.

Harry Ulph was born in Nottingham on 11 May 1886. He was one of 11 children. His father Jonathan Walter Ulph was a native of Norwich. His mother, Lucy (formerly Loveday) came from Derbyshire, but her family was Cornish. After leaving school, young Harry was apprenticed to his uncle, William Loveday, a master saddler. His average working day was from 7 in the morning until 7 at night. Having completed his seven year apprenticeship, Harry was eager to strike out on his own, and in 1911 he opened his first saddlery and leather goods shop, in Nottingham.

In 1912, Harry met the girl who was to become his wife. Pretty vivacious, Cherry Dale was two years younger than Harry, and like him, was a native of Nottingham. They were married on 9 April 1914 - a marriage destined to last for 65 years. The couple had four daughters, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

In the Great War Harry served with the Royal Horse Artillery. On one occasion in the army, a contractor offered him money to pass some inferior harness, but Harry replied, "No thanks, - I like to sleep at night." After the war, like millions of others, Harry attempted to pick up the threads of his life in a much changed world. One of the biggest changes was the gradual replacement of horses by the engine as a means of transport. In 1923 Harry moved with his wife and two small daughters to Aylsham, Norfolk, where he opened a shop in the market place. The Ulph family lived over the shop, and became part of the local community.

These were busy, carefree days for Harry. He would often work until 9 at night repairing a binder canvas for a farmer, or a collar urgently needed so that a horse could be set to work early next morning. Yet he found time to join the British Legion, become a Mason, take part in amateur operatics, wield a nifty bat for a village cricket team and play a mean hand of cards. It was during this period that Harry bought his first car, and had his first and only driving lesson - all on the same day.

In after years he would chuckle as he recalled being shown the mechanics of a 2-door Ford saloon, doing a shaky solo around the garage forecourt, and hearing the garage owner's cheery words, "Oh, well, you seem to have got the hang of it now!" Thus was Harry Ulph launched on the roads of Britain. Fortunately his driving soon improved, and on fine Sundays the whole family would pile into a series of Fords, and head for the coast.

The Depression hit the agricultural community of Norfolk extremely hard. For Harry with a wife and four daughters to support it was a worrying time, as trade declined rapidly. In 1933 the Ulphs reluctantly left Norfolk, and moved to Halstead in deepest Essex, where Harry opened a shop near the church.

[Harry Ulph died peacefully at his home on 13 January 1979 just four months short of his 93rd. birthday]

AYLSHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

1985 - 86

Receipts

Subscriptions 146.00
 Donation 1.00
 Entrance fees 47.20
 Lecture course fees 108.00
 Coffee (profit) 3.17
 Newsletter - sales 18.60
 New Year Party 203.50
 Gressenhall visit 32.50
 Interest on deposit account 35.68

1984/5 balance B/F

193.12

Total

788.77

Expenditure

Stationery, postages etc 14.97
 Speakers' fees 9.00
 Hire of Friendship Hall 10.00
 Fees to CUEMB 115.80
 New Year Party 136.33
 Coach hire 35.00
 Gressenhall fee 15.00
 Returned subscriptions 4.00

balance in hand

448.67

Total

788.77

Treasurer: Mr. A. Quinn
 Audited by Mr. R. Rowe

Dated 30.6.85

AYLSHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY - LIST OF MEMBERS
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AYLSHAM, a market and union town, in South Eppingham hundred, East Norfolk, lighted with gas, 12½ miles from London, and 1½ north of Norwich station, 11 from Cromer and 11 from Holt, contained, in 1851, 2,741 inhabitants. The area of the parish is 4,311 acres. The annual value of assessed property, in 1846, was £9,101 2s. 6d. It stands on the banks of the river Bure, which is navigable hence to Yarmouth. The chief employment of the inhabitants is agriculture. The corn market is held on Tuesday in the Corn Exchange. Fairs are held yearly on March 23 and last Tuesday in September, and a hiring for servants on the first Tuesday in October. A Free school was founded here, in 1517, by Robert Jannys, mayor of Norwich in that year, now conducted upon the National system. Here is an Infant school, on the same system. One of the county Bridewells was formerly in this town, but is now converted into dwelling-houses. Petty Sessions are held the first and third Tuesday in each month at the Black Boy hotel; Mr. William Forster is the clerk to magistrates. A savings bank was established in 1818, and is open from 12 to 1 every Monday; here is also a literary institution. A short distance from the town is a mineral spring. The church of St. Michael was built by John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, the court of whose duchy was once held in this town. The font is enriched with bas-reliefs of the four emblems of the Evangelists, the instruments of the Passion, and the arms of Gaunt, with other armorial insignia. The screens were painted at the saint's, martyrs and confessors, in 1507, principally at the

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Bacon Mrs
Bidenwell Henry, esq. Manor house
Bond Mrs
Brown Miss
Butler Mrs. Millgate
Canfor Mrs
Colby Miss
Cook Mrs. Bushy place
Cook Mrs. William
Copeman Thomas, esq
Ebbetta Mrs. Market place

cost of Thomas Wyner, who, on his monument, is represented in a winding sheet. Here is a monument to the memory of Richard Howard, sheriff of Norwich, who, in 1488, built the church porch. The east window, which has lately been retraced, is decorated with stained glass, representing the four most favoured disciples of our Blessed Lord, with various devices, and memorial bearings of the late Earl of Buckingham and heir of Buckling; the present Bishop of Norwich, the Dean and Chapter of Norwich and Canterbury, the present vicar, &c. A stained side window is dedicated to the memory of eight former vicars; another contains some beautiful specimens of old glass, recently inserted at the expense of the vicar, containing the armorial bearings of his family, and of the lay proprietor of the parish, Mr. Pitman, of Oulton, together with those of the Dowager Lady Suffolk, &c. In a recess in the churchyard, in a piece of lawn enclosed with iron rails, planted with roses, harts-case, and other flowers, is the grave of Humphrey Ripton, the celebrated landscape gardener, who died March 24th, 1818. The church has 10 bells, a large and lofty steeple, clock and organ. The register dates from 1623. The living is a vicarage, value £555, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, who hold the rectorial tithes, which are leased by S. Pitman, Esq., for £550 per annum. The Rev. Edmund Teller Yates, M.A., is the present incumbent. The Baptists, Wesleyans, and Primitive Methodists, have each a chapel.

Emuin Harold Aug. esq. Post office st

Guntton Miss	Sarr Rev. Abraham, Church hill
Harrod George, esq	Scott William H. esq. Norwich road
Hillman Mrs. Haydon road	Sewell Mrs. Terrace
Jodrell Mrs. Commercial road	Shaw Miss
Kidd Mrs. Carr's corner	Short Miss. White Hart street
Kirby Mr. William, White Hart street	Smith Frederick P. esq. Market place
Morton Richard K. esq. Busley place	Taylor Miss
Parmer Robert W. esq	Walpole Miss
Ruckham Miss Mary	Warne Mrs. Bolwick hall
Roe Mrs. Cawston road	Wicks William Rice, esq. Millgate
	Yates Rev. Edmund Teller, M.A. [vicar]
	Young Miss, Millgate

COMMERCIAL.

Abba William, baker
 Ager Geo. LL.D., master of the Collegiate schh. Post office st
 Austen Baker Steddy, ironmonger, Market place
 Austen Harriet (Mrs.), dressmaker, Market place
 Baue William, chemist & druggist, Red Lion street
 Barram William & Son, builders, Red Lion street
 Bird Joseph, beer retailer, White Hart street
 Bird Stephen, bricklayer, Millgate
 Blyth Isaac, tailor, Red Lion street
 Bower George, secretary to Savings bank, Market place
 Breese James, *Black Boys commercial inn & posting house*,
 Market place
 Breese Stephen, tailor, Red Lion street
 Brovne William, shopkeeper, White Hart street
 Burrell George E. builder & auctioneer, Market place
 Burton John, blacksmith
 Burton William, shopkeeper, White Hart street
 Butler William, blacksmith, Cavston road
 Case James Lee, farmer, Millgate
 Chapman John, butcher, Red Lion street
 Clare William, carter
 Clark James, farmer
 Clark John, secker, carrier & leather cutter, Cavston road
 Clark Richard, farmer
 Clarke George, Red Lion inn, Red Lion street
 Clements Chas. & Son, printers, bookbells & stationers, Market pl
 Cook John, farmer
 Connold Thomas, watchmaker, Market place
 Cook Robins, farmer
 Cory Thomas, shopkeeper
 Craft Henry, baker, Cavston road
 Craft Henry, machine maker, Cavston road
 Culley Benjamin, bricklayer, Cavston road
 Dale Robert, hairdresser, Market place
 Davison James, miller, Cavston road
 Duffield James, tailor
 Easton Robert, *Anchor*, Millgate
 Ebbs William, baker, Red Lion street
 Edwards John, china dealer, Red Lion street
 Elvin Robert, farmer, White Hart street
 England & Roper, grocers, Red Lion street
 Feck Dick, *New inn*, Red Lion street
 Fimage John, shoemaker, Cavston road
 Fitt John, watchmaker, Red Lion street
 Forster Wm. solicitor, & clerk to the magistrates, Market pl
 Foxall Thomas, shoemaker, Cavston road
 Frankland James, harness maker, Red Lion street

Freeman John, *Stonemasons' Arms*, stone & marble mason.
 Millgate
 Frostick Daniel, farmer
 Fuller Robert, china & glass dealer, Red Lion street
 Garman John, beer retailer, Post Office street
 Gurney & Co. bankers (Jacob Middleton, jun. manager),
 Market place
 Greenwood Charles, farmer, Durgb road
 Glister William, carpenter, Cavston road
 Goodwin Mary (Mrs.), farmer
 Gotterson Thomas, carpenter, Cromer road
 Grimson John, carpenter, Cavston road
 Haddon James, glover, White Hart street
 Hall John, shopkeeper, Cavston road
 Harrod Henry, solicitor, Market place
 Hatcher Jane (Mrs.), dressmaker, Red Lion street
 Hill William, *Union*, Post Office street
 Horstead John, bricklayer, Post Office street
 Howes Robert, veterinary surgeon, Post Office street
 Ingate Lewis, coach builder
 Ives George, farmer, Wood farm
 Johnson Jane (Mrs.), school, Post Office street
 Johnson John, shoemaker, Post Office street
 Jones Edward, superintendent of police, Blidding road
 Kent Henry, manager of the gasworks, Millgate
 Lark John, cabinet maker, Cromer road
 Laxen Henry, saddler & harness maker, Market place
 Lake William, farmer, Cavston road
 Lambert Stephen, grocer, Red Lion street
 Lazen Richard, baker, Red Lion street
 Lemon Benjamin, saddler & harness maker, Red Lion street
 Loads John & James, shoemakers, Market place
 Lomax William, beer retailer, Dunkirk
 Mack Charles, grocer & draper, Market place
 Maidstone Samuel, shoemaker, Market place
 Martin James, blacksmith, the Staith
 Marcellon Robert, carrier to Norwich, Red Lion street
 Marston John, coal & corn merchant, Cromer road
 Middleton Jacob, jun. manager of Gurney's bank & agent
 for Norwich Union fire & life office, Market place
 Middleton John, shopkeeper, Millgate
 Miller Thomas, shoemaker, White Hart street
 Millham William, news agent, Market place
 Morton Richard K. surgeon, Dusley place
 Moy John, beer retailer, Cavston road
 Neesh John, miller, Cavston road
 Nicholls John, beer retailer, Millgate
 Nicholls John, gardener

Otwick Robert, shoemaker, White Hart street
 Page William, draper & grocer, Market place
 Pantton George, baker & confectioner, Market place
 Parmeter & Bullocks, millers & millfisters, Millgate
 Parmeter Robert William, solicitor & clerk of the peace for the county
 Patterson Peter, butcher, Norwich road
 Payne Thomas, farmer, Cavston road
 Pert David, plumber, glazier & painter, Red Lion street
 Pike Robert, blacksmith, Red Lion street
 Platten Edward, coffee rooms
 Plumby Charles, farmer, Cavston road
 Poll Frederick, sawyer, Millgate
 Poll Henry, beer retailer, White Hart street
 Powell Benjamin, grocer & draper, Market place
 Postle Robert, farmer, Cavston road
 Proudfoot John, carpenter, Post Office street
 Proudfoot Robert, shopkeeper, Market place
 Puncher William, *Dog inn*, Norwich road
 Purdy James, blunouger, Red Lion street
 Pye Robert, beer retailer, Post Office street
 Ransom Horatio, tailor, Red Lion street
 Rust Eliza (Mrs.), shoemaker
 Saunders — (Mrs.), farmer, Cavston road
 Sands James, butcher, Red Lion street
 Scott George, grocer & draper, Red Lion street
 Scott William Henry, solicitor, clerk to the navigation company, turnpike road, county court, board of guardians, commissioners for income & property, gas company, Town hall company & burial board & superintendent registrar, Market place
 Sexton Joseph, baker, Post Office street
 Shreeve George, miller, Bolwick hall
 Skidmore Mary (Mrs.), school, Red Lion street
 Smith Frederick P. surgeon, Market place
 Smith Lewis Hiram, corrector of weights, Millgate
 Smith Richard, farmer
 Smithson Zephaniah, hairdresser, Post Office street
 Soame Henry, farmer, Cavston road
 Soame John, surveyor, & registrar of marriages & assistant overseer, White Hart street
 Starling William, basket maker, Red Lion street
 Stearnau Frederick, tailor, Post Office street
 Stearnman James, gardener, Cavston road
 Sutton John, tailor, Red Lion street
 Symonds John, chemist & druggist, Market place
 Tatten George, blacksmith, White Hart street
 Thistle Robert, shoemaker, Red Lion street
 Tipple George, farmer, Millgate
 Turner Frederick James, professor of music, Cromer road
 Upliff John Hook, *Cross Keys*, Red Lion street
 Wade Charles R. watchmaker, Post Office street
 Ward George, gardener, Post Office street
 Warren Thomas, tandlealer, Market place
 Watson James V. basket maker, Millgate
 Watts John, *Dull*, Red Lion street
 Watts John, pork butcher, Post Office street
 Wortley Robert, *Siar*, Red Lion street
 Winterborn James, millwright, Cavston road
 Wright Frederick, plumber &c. Market place
 Wright Wm. boys' boarding & day school, Commercial road

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Savings' Bank, Mr. George Bower, secretary

INSURANCE AGENTS:—
Atlas Fire & Life, Robert William Parmer
Manchester Fire, E. Rust
Norwich Equitable, Thomas Counold
Norwich Union, Jacob Middleton, jun.
Professional Life, George E. Burrell, Market place
Western, Robert Bartram
Superintendent Registrar, William Henry Scott, esq
Registrar of Births & Deaths & Relieving Officer, John Wright, Buxton
Inland Revenue Office, Black Boys hotel (John Bannister, officer), Market place
Union Workhouse, William Starters, master; Mrs. Harriet Starters, matron
Gas Works, Henry Kent, manager
Stamp Office, Charles Clements, distributor, Market place
Police Station, Edw. Jones, superintendent, Blackling rd

PLACES OF WORSHIP:—
St. Michael's Church, Rev. Edmond Telfer Yates, M.A. vicar
Baptist Chapel, ministers various
 Wesleyan Chapel, ministers various
Primitive Methodist Chapel, ministers various

POSTING HORSES.—*Black Boys hotel & the Dog inn*

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—
National (for boys & girls), John Hix, master; Mrs. Mary Ann Rix, mistress
National Infant, Miss Matilda Payne, mistress
Collegiate School, Geo. Alger, LL.D. head master, Post office st

CONVEYANCES:—
TO CROMER.—*The Ocean* (coach), from the 'Black Boys' at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 evening. Mail omnibus from 'Red Lion' at $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 morning (daily, sundays excepted)
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Navigation Company, William Henry Scott, esq. clerk
 Wherries to & from Yarmouth daily, Messrs. John Maystone & Robert Margaretson, proprietors

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CROMER.—John Cooper, from 'Cross Keys', wednesday
HOLT.—Joseph Puxley & Mrs. Egmore, from 'Cross Keys', tuesday & wednesday
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PLECMSTAD & SATHORPE.—Joseph Puxley, from 'Cross Keys', tuesday & wednesday