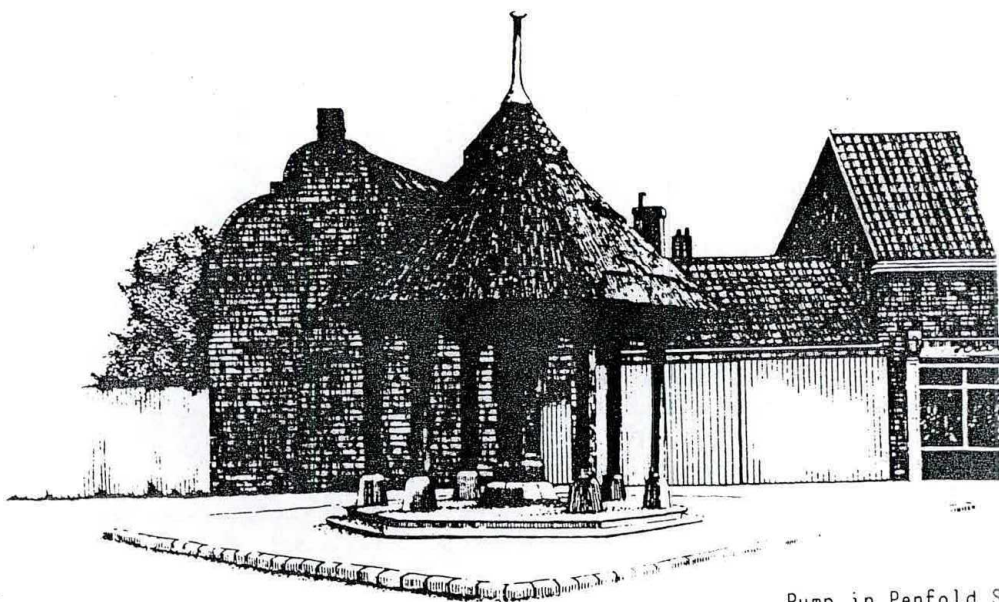


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ORAL HISTORY GROUP

Mary Elsey is eager to make a start with the work of this group, and to develop the strong interest which is evident amongst members. She already has names of suitable persons to be interviewed, and now needs the assistance of members who would be prepared to help with the actual interviews. Obviously, Mary can not carry out all the interviews single-handed, and it is essential that interested members come forward to work with her.

It has already been agreed that suitable recording equipment should be bought, and it is expected that guidelines on methods and techniques of interviewing older residents will be prepared. If you are keen to work on this project, please contact Mary Elsey (Aylsham 732208) who needs your help if it is to be successful.



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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT (?)

The December issue, last year, was quite a successful Christmas number. It is beyond the ability of this editor to produce two Christmas numbers in succession, so there is nothing very 'Christmassy' about this issue. However, to avoid being labelled a complete Scrooge, and as a gesture towards the Christmas spirit, here is another brief selection of newspaper cuttings, selected by Ron Peabody from the Laxen collection, illustrating life in Aylsham 100 years ago this Christmas.

1888 AYLSHAM. *Dec 7.*

CURIOUS DISCOVERY.—As a proof of the mildness of the season, a wren's or tomtit's nest is built in a field occupied by Mr. Frederick Culley, and contains two eggs.

CONCERT.—The Norwich City Amateur Minstrels gave a concert of vocal and instrumental music at the Town Hall on the 7th instanc, and it was well attended. Messrs. C. R. Ayton, J. M. Gunton, F. Websdale, and G. H. Gedgo were encored for their comic songs. Mr. D. Clabburn tastefully rendered "Mother's Wedding Ring." Mr. J. B. Rayner was applauded for his rendering of "Say not farewell." The choruses were well given. A stump speech by Mr. J. M. Gunton was very humorous and amusing, and Mr. A. Windscheffel's cornet solo was particularly admired.

RAILWAY DINNER.—The staff employed at the Great Eastern Railway-station here, together with some of the tradesmen of the town, including Messrs. R. Ward and A. Shreeve, had their annual dinner at the Black Boys' Hotel last Wednesday evening. Mr. E. J. Bird presided, and in the unavoidable absence of the respected station-master, Mr. Solomon, Mr. E. A. Mallott, head goods clerk at this station, was vice-chairman. The cloth having been removed, the Chairman proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," and especially alluded to the satisfactory appointment for this parish of the new vicar, the Rev. J. G. Hoare. Other toasts followed, among them being "The Health of the Chairman, the Directors, Mr. Birt, General Manager, and Chief Officers of the Company," for whom Mr. Mallott responded. The Vice-Chairman then proposed "The Health of Mr. Kimm," district superintendent, and Mr. Ellis, goods manager at Norwich, and mentioned their great efficiency as such officers. Several toasts followed, including the "Donors of the Feast," to which Mr. R. Ward responded. Songs were sung by Messrs. Buck, Crowe, Doughty, Foster, Glasspoole, Nichols, and Suffling, and great credit is due to Host and Miss Stapleton for their capital catering. All present enjoyed a pleasant evening. The railway *employés* wish heartily to thank those who contributed towards the evening's entertainment.

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ROYAL VISIT TO BLICKLING HALL.—On the 7th inst. her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, accompanied by Lady Emily Kingscote, Lady-in-Waiting, arrived at the Eastern and Midlands Railway Station at Aylsham, from Hillington, by the 12:54 p.m. train, where the Royal party were met by the Earl and Countess of Brownlow, and at once drove to the Hall, where the Marchioness of Lothian welcomed them. During the day, the weather being beautifully fine, drives were made in the park and round the lake. The Princess expressed great pleasure at the lovely scenery. The robes of Anne Boleyn, afterwards the Queen of King Henry VIII., and others were laid out for the inspection of the Royal party, who remarked upon the magnificent order in which they had been kept, considering their great antiquity. The party returned by special train at 4:30 p.m. on the same day to Hillington. The trains were under the charge of the company's superintendent, Mr. C. R. Curson. A large number of persons were attracted to the station when the Royal visit became known.

December 15th. 1888

SOCIETY NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM took place in the Friendship Club on Wednesday 5th. October. Some 30 members were present, a smaller turn-out than usual, but the date clashed with other competing activities. After the opening formalities, the Treasurer presented his financial report (printed separately in this issue). The report reveals a healthy balance in our accounts.

In her final report as secretary, Jane Nolan reviewed the year's activities - activities which indicate a vigorously growing society with a membership well on its way towards the 100 mark. She paid tribute to our founder chairman, Canon Jack Vyse, and to our vice-chairman, Ron Peabody who had filled the chairman's post so successfully following the retirement of canon Vyse.

The editor reported on the progress of the Newsletter & Journal and was pleased to learn that it was received favourably by members and enjoyed a growing readership. A special expression of thanks was directed to Leslie Morris who was responsible for its successful distribution.

Elections for Officers and committee followed. This produced several changes, and our officers and committee now consist of:-

Chairman:	Jane Nolan
Vice-chairman:	Ron Peabody
Secretary:	Valerie Belton
Treasurer:	George Collins

Committee members - Mary Elsey, Jill Fletcher, Peter Holman, Wendy McGregor, Tom Mollard and Alan Quinn.

A lively discussion followed; ideas for future activities and events were put forward. In due course, when these activities and ideas are translated into a firm programme, the details will appear in the Newsletter. The need for a positive involvement in an Oral history project was agreed by all. It was recognised that a group should be formed, and that the Society could consider buying recording equipment to help such a group become established.

Coffee and biscuits followed the business part of the AGM, and finally members settled down to enjoy a fascinating talk by George Dennis on bottle collecting and on the history that such a collection can reveal. George illustrated his talk with numerous examples of different types of exhibit, and displayed that wealth of knowledge of his subject that only the real enthusiast can display.

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ARCHIVES COURSE

During the months leading up to the start of the Archives course, there were always the unspoken and unanswered questions - "Will anybody turn up?" and if they did - "will it be a successful format for such a course?". On 19th. September the answers were readily supplied; between 20 - 30 interested persons assembled in the council chamber of Aylsham Town Hall, and the majority of these have continued to attend.

So the answer was a positive 'yes' to both questions. People are interested in the contents of our town archives, and are keen to attend regularly to pursue that interest. The first session was an introduction to the contents of the collection by our tutor, Mrs.E.Rutledge, who described the main items, and the possible avenues that might be explored by a study of them.

A pattern of study has already evolved, in that each person has indicated their own particular area of interest, and each week the relevant documents are assembled in advance so that each person can explore their interest individually during the session. It is interesting to observe what happens - over twenty members, working singly or in pairs, are busily poring through a variety of documents. There is just a subdued background of conversation as they discuss various aspects of their search, and moving from group to group, or person to person, Mrs. Rutledge resolves queries or gives advice as required. It is almost like being back at school, but school never passed as quickly as these two hours do each Monday.

The editor of the Newsletter looks forward eagerly to receiving the written end-product of all this work for eventual publication in our Journal. Don't let him down!

THE RENTAL

Following the successful launch of the Rental, we now learn that the Cambridge University Extra-mural Board has placed copies of the book in its library, and other copies may be included in their book boxes which are circulated. Photocopies of the original documents on which the work was based will be lodged in the Parish archives.

PARISH MAP

After the initial meeting, sponsored by the Aylsham Association, where it was possible for older residents of Aylsham to record items for inclusion on a parish map, it was felt that one more session was required to give everyone a full opportunity to record their memories. Although a date is not yet fixed, it will probably take place in February on a convenient Saturday morning. This meeting will be arranged by our Society, and Peter Holman would welcome help on the day.

N.A.R.G. CHAPEL SURVEY

Progress continues in the survey of Non-conformist chapels undertaken by the Society for N.A.R.G. The period over which the survey will run has been extended to October 1989. This should give us adequate time to fulfill our commitments.

CENTRE FOR EAST ANGLIAN STUDIES

The society has now applied for Corporate Associate membership of the Centre for East Anglian Studies. Membership means that we can send one member to any of the one-day conferences, or to join field trips and to have access to the facilities which the Centre makes available; this includes their slide collection and access to Xerox copier. It also provides us with copies of their Newsletter. Further details available from our secretary.

NORFOLK HISTORY FAIR

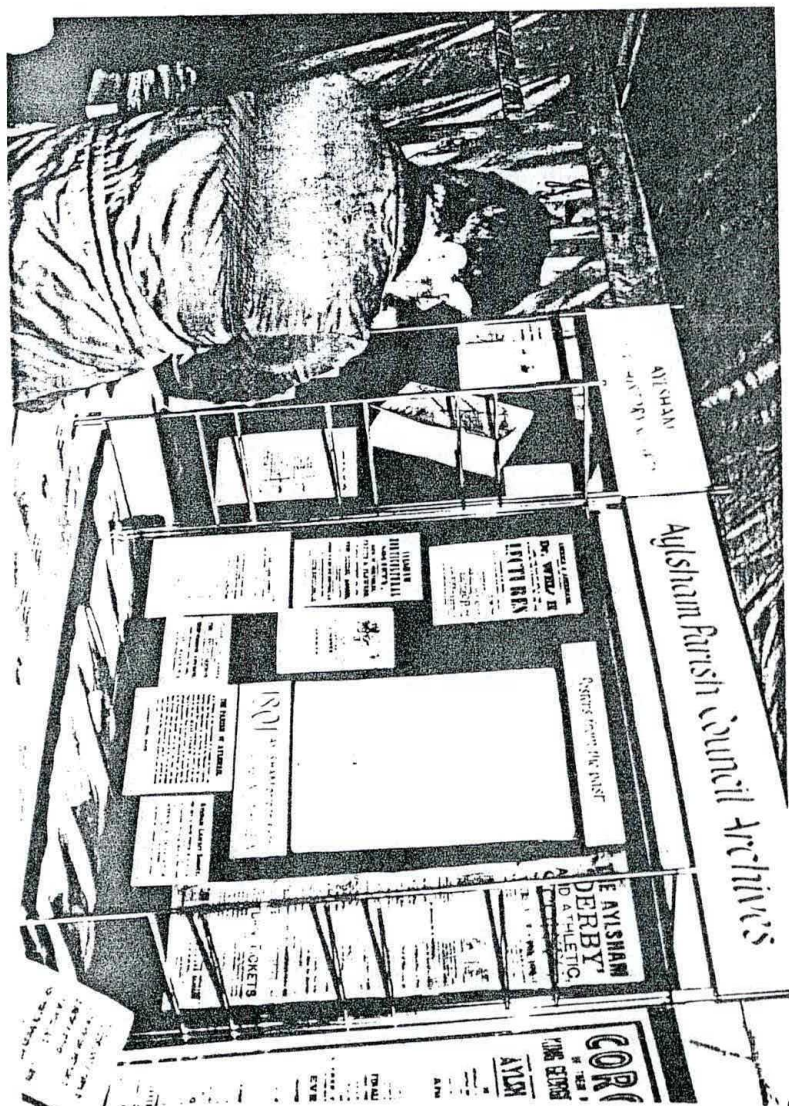
I am sure that all our members who were unable to get to Gressenhall to see the Fair will be interested to learn how we 'faired'. All our preparations for having a stand were completed on schedule, and on the evening prior to the Fair our party set off for Gressenhall to erect our exhibit and leave everything ready for the opening the next day.

Our first set-back was waiting for us when we arrived - due to gale-force winds, the marquee in which we expected to erect our stand, was lying flat and far from erect, and until the wind subsided there was no possibility of it being erected. We unloaded all our belongings and stored them in the Union chapel overnight and set off for home. It was obvious that we would need to return very early the next morning to assemble everything in time for the opening.

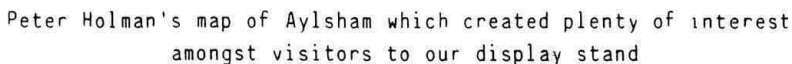
At crack of dawn, we returned to Gressenhall to complete the task, and there we met our second problem. By this time the marquee had been assembled; it was then that we discovered that our exhibit had been re-located to a smaller tent in the courtyard. We were, in fact, much better placed in the smaller tent, but it did mean that all our careful publicity advertising exactly where we were to be found at the Fair became inaccurate and mis-leading.

By 10am we were ready. By that time there was a colourful display of material from the Parish archives carefully selected by Ron Peabody. There was an excellent three dimensional relief map of old Aylsham, constructed by Peter Holman, and publicity on the aims and activities of the Society. As an excellent example of the work of the Society we were able to display (and sell) copies of the Rental which

Aylsham Local History Society prize-winning stand at the Norfolk History Fair, Gressenhall



All in all, it made a very attractive stand, so much so that it attracted many people over the two days of the Fair, to stop and to look at it and often to enquire about the Society. It also attracted the eyes of the judges who awarded the Aylsham Local History Society a prize for the best small society's exhibit. This was awarded jointly with the Litcham Local History Society. So, a very satisfying Fair for our Society and well worth the effort of participating.



FUTURE PROGRAMME

- Dec. 7th. Dr. Keith Knowles - "In the steps of Sir Thomas Browne,."*
- Jan. 9th. '89 (WEA Class) The Norfolk parish church- Mrs. E. Fenner, 7.30 High school. 10 sessions*
- Jan. 27th. New Year's party - Friendship Club.*
- Feb. ? Parish map meeting*
- March 16th. Joy Lodey - "In and out of the workhouse"*
- April 12th. Rachel Young - "Family life under the Stuarts"*
- April/May ? Outing to Burleigh House, Stamford.*
- June ? Visit to Wymondham at invitation of the Wymondham Heritage Society*
- Aug. 14th. Joint archive film show for Naturalists and Local History Society*

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Still under consideration - possible trip to Cambridge, and a Local Interests Evening.

Dr. John Sapwell, who died in 1977 aged 73 years, was for many years a general practitioner in Aylsham. He was also chairman of the Parish Council, and the author of - "A history of Aylsham" which he published in 1960 after many years research. The following article was written by him for the journal 'Rural medicine' in 1970; it is reprinted here by kind permission of his son Mr. Philip Sapwell.

The winter of 1946/47 was exceptionally severe in north Norfolk, as elsewhere. Frost and snow were continuous from the third week in January until the middle of March, and for periods of up to ten days on end the temperature never rose above freezing point by day or night. On at least two days there were severe blizzards and snowdrifts blocked roads and railways for several days before they could be cleared.

One such day was 11th February, when, after a night of east wind, it was reported at 10 am, that nobody had yet succeeded in getting out of the town. At about the same time I received a telephone call to say that a young woman, whom I had booked to attend in her first confinement between nine and ten miles away, had started labour and I was asked to go to her. I replied that I would if I could get there. I remembered when doing her first ante-natal the previous August, as she lived in rather an outlandish spot, saying to her jokingly "I hope there won't be a foot of snow when your baby is born"! I might have added "absit omen"!

Leaving my wife ill in bed alone in the house, I set off with my man Major (a real but rare christian name), an ex-artilleryman of the 1914-18

war and an old retainer of 30 years service with me. We managed to get about two miles up the road in the car, but were then confronted with drift upon drift like the frozen waves of the sea and it was obvious that we could get no further. We went back to Sankence, where my aunts who ran a riding school lived, and borrowed their sledge, but the woodwork had rotted after years of disuse and it broke down before we got out of the drive. Better there, if it had to happen, than half-way on the road!

We transferred our gear to a high dog-cart drawn by Playboy, a steady and stout-hearted old horse who faced the drifts boldly, and so made a slow but uneventful journey until we reached a point about half way between Pettywell and Brick Kiln Cottages where our patient lived. In this exposed lane the drifts became worse than ever, the old horse plunged through them with greater and greater difficulty, finally going down on his knees, and we felt it would be unkind to ask him to face them any more.

From this point it was only about half a mile to our destination and I continued on foot, carrying the "midder" bag while Major went back to Pettywell farm and laid the horse up there, joining me later. Like King Wenceslas's page I followed dear old nurse Draper's footsteps through the snow, over the bank and across a field to the patient's cottage. The first thing I saw on opening the door was a smiling young woman, fully dressed, sitting in an armchair by the fire! My heart sank into my boots. Had we battled through the snow for four hours on a false alarm? However the patient proved to be properly in labour and eventually brought forth quite safely about 8 pm.

Homeward bound

After packing up and having something further to eat, having no lights for our cart, we decided

to leave Playboy for the night and make our way home as best we could. We shouldered our equipment (I remember the forceps fell out in the snow at one point and we had to go into a cottage where a young women was washing her hair and repack the roll), and walked back about two miles to the nearest town, Reepham. Here we routed Reggie Allen (a coach proprietor and a distant relation of Major's) out of the King's Arms and he very sportingly agreed to drive us home.

After waiting a few minutes, which Major and I occupied by taking a glass of something good to keep out the cold, he returned and announced that he was ready. Expecting a car, we went out and found him and his mate with a 32 seater coach to convey the two of us! We got as far as Sankence lane all right, though we had to get out and push at one point near Sankence Grove. Here he deemed it advisable to turn round where it was possible, and we walked back to Sankence and so got home by car arriving about 11 pm to find about a dozen messages, the most urgent of which seemed to be a man with a broken leg about four miles away.

Out again on foot

After further nourishing ourselves, and Major very sportingly electing to come with me, we set out again with the fracture bag and got as far as the top of the "Sovereigns". Here we had to leave the car and make our way on foot down the side road through very deep drifts, sometimes walking along the top of the bank, till we got to the more sheltered road leading down to the common where it was better going. We got to Harry Broughton's cottage and found his brother Dick with a fractured tibia which had been quite well "first aided". We resplinted it, stuck some morphia into him, and made him comfortable for the night. The ambulance collected him the next

morning and took him into hospital, going round by the Pitman Arms.

We got home in the same way we had come and fell into our welcome beds about 2 am. The next day the roads were open and I was able to get through to Kerdistone by car and visit my patient, taking Major with me and leaving him to bring back the horse and cart. The baby is now a fine and fully-grown young woman with a magnificent crop of fiery red hair, but I still call her my "Snow-Maiden" after Rimsky-Korsakoff's opera.

Visits on horseback

Mrs. H lived at 24 Gatehouse, on the railway between the main road and the airfield, and sent for me, being in labour, on the morning of March 5th. I went with Major in the car, round by the Woodrow crossroads and the main road as that route, though longer, was better ploughed. We got as far as the loke to Docking farm which left us only two or three hundred yards to walk. The district nurse was snowed up, and unable to get there. The baby was born before I had been in the house five minutes, but the mother-in-law and I managed to do what was necessary between us. At one point I had visions of having to bath the baby myself!

On one or two subsequent visits to her I went on horseback riding a pony called Tommy from Sankence to Readypenny and then across the fields to the south of the railway. We had some pretty deep drifts to get through near the banks, and he was a bit frightened at first, but soon learned how to pull himself out. The drifts were too deep for me to get off and lighten his back. A bit further along I saw a line of posts ahead, and inferred a wire fence which I should not be able to get through, so I managed to get onto the railway line through a gate. There was no danger as trains had not been able to run for several days.

When I got to the line of posts I found there was no wire on them, so I was able to come back across the fields.

About this time I had to visit a child with otitis media at Orwell Cottages, Whitwell, about nine miles away, also on Tommy as the road was impassable to motors. This was an uneventful journey apart from a detour into the fields at one or two points, but took a good long time. I carried what gear I needed in an army pack on my back.

Lost on the airfield

Three o'clock in the morning of 16th December 1950. About six inches of snow on the ground and snowing hard from the west—big feathery flakes. In response to a call to a confinement at Hengrave I loaded the car in the garage and had considerable difficulty in getting out the car as it slid sideways all over the place. I considered knocking Major up to come with me, but decided I could not afford the delay it would involve. This proved to be about the worst drive I had ever had. It was only made possible by the windscreen wiper which kept a small semicircle clear, but even so the densely driving snow made visibility very bad indeed, and I could not see much beyond the bonnet of the car.

The snow was beginning to drift fairly badly and I knew that if once I stopped it was very unlikely that I should get going again. When I saw a drift coming I had to send the car at it hard to get through and she was like a ship at sea plunging through with snow flying over the roof. I don't know what I did to my springs that night!

I lost my way on the airfield, where I meant to go down one of the main runways but came round the perimeter track and across a very

rough short cut. I was extremely lucky not to get stuck. This fortunately brought me out onto the road at the side of the airfield and so, through a good many more drifts, to my destination.

Nurse Porter, a stout hearted Scots lassie, had gone off the runway on the airfield and got stuck with her car, which she had to abandon and walk the rest of the way, but she still got there before me. How she managed to find her way with conditions as they were I don't quite know. The confinement was fortunately uneventful, and I had a good meal of eggs and bread and butter before going home. I took nurse home to her bungalow via Kett's lane and the Norwich road, a rather round-about route, but keeping to the best roads. The puerperal father took a tractor the next morning and pulled her car on to the road again.

The milkman, who called after breakfast, was expatiating on the hazards of the road I had come home by. I told him I had been along it that morning and it was not too bad. "What time?" he asked. "Oh, about five" I replied with all the nonchalance I could command. He was visibly shaken!

Envoi

These true incidents, over twenty years ago, show that, in extreme weather conditions in rural practice, the problem of getting to the patient can be a severely practical one in which generally outmoded means of transport, such as the horse, may sometimes come into their own.

They were tedious and time-consuming but enjoyable adventures in their way. They would not have been so funny if the confinements had not been uncomplicated. If they had happened today, I could have rung up the local RAF Station and requested the services of a helicopter.

NOTES

Sankence - Situated on the Cawston Road, near the parish boundary at Cawston College.

Pettywell and Brick Kiln Cottages - to the west of Reepham.

Sovereigns *

Harry Broughton's Cottage *

Pitmar Arms - on the B1354 road halfway between Blickling and Saxthorpe.

Docking Farm - South of Oulton Street.

Readypenny *

Otitis Media - inflammation of the ear.

Hengrave - Swannington.

- * These references are not immediately indentifiable
- any ideas ?

Dr. John Ireland Sapwell qualified from King's College Hospital and has been, excluding the war years, in rural general practice in Norfolk since 1933. This he combines with medical responsibility for a geriatric unit. He has written a history of Aylsham; rides and hunts; dislikes bureaucracy and fools, but obviously likes people.

QUERIES & NOTES

A new feature! - from time to time queries are raised to which there is no immediate answer. Very often, there is someone in the Society who has that elusive answer or can point the enquirer in the right direction. Here are two queries which originated at the Norfolk History Fair. Can any member help?

If anyone has other queries which we can put to the members at large, please send them in and we can make a regular feature of them.

1. David W.Durst - Hempstead by Holt (Holt 712505) is interested in Industrial Archaeology, and particularly in the brickworks on the Blickling estate. Any information about this brickworks would be welcomed by him.

Norfolk Industrial Archaeological Society helped uncover the brickworks c1980, and Mr. Durst believes his house in Hempstead (built c1830) may have been built by Blickling estate workers.

2. Mr. M.Moore, 4 Morton Close, Aylsham (Aylsham 733772) is interested in the British Legion Club in Hungate Street. Does anyone know if any old plans of the club are still in existence?

The Club was formerly the headmaster's house and school owned by Dr.George Ager during the latter part of the nineteenth century, when about 150 boys aged between 14 and 19 years old were pupils.

NEW LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS RECENTLY ADDED TO THE COUNTY LIBRARY.

All the titles listed below have been added recently to the County Library. They are not all in Aylsham branch stock, but all can be reserved at Aylsham branch.

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Bellamy E.J.	Methodism in Holt.
Bloom, Alan	Reeds in the wing.
East Anglia University	Norwich: a time of opportunity: the 1987 Norwich area economic study
Hancock, Marion	Swaffham and Methodism
Holmes, David	The How Hill story
Horder, M	In praise of Norfolk
Look at Cromer parish church (pamphlet)	
Norfolk County Council	Transport policies and programme 1989/90
Norfolk County Council: Planning Dept.	Wroxham and Hoveton local plan
Norris Roger	Hingham; a short guide
Tooke, Colin	Rows of Great Yarmouth
Toulson, S	East Anglia: walking the ancient tracks. p.b. ed.
Williamson H.	From a country hilltop
Wiseman, H	Children's Norwich with 1988 updated supplement. p.b. ed.

AYLSHAM IN 1869

Our progress through the county directories brings us up to 1869 with the entry from Kelly's Post Office directory for that year.

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AYLSHAM is a parish, market and union town, head of a county court district, and polling place for the North-Eastern division of the county, 125½ miles from London, 12 north from Norwich station, 11 from Cromer, and 11 from Holt; on the banks of the river Bure, which is navigable hence to Yarmouth, in South Erpingham hundred, rural deanery of Ingworth, and archdeaconry and diocese of Norwich. 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: it has tower with steeple, containing 10 bells; also clock and organ: 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 with saints, martyrs and confessors, in 1507, principally at the cost of Thomas Wymer, 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 1483, built the church porch: the east window, which has been retraced, is decorated with stained glass, representing the four most favoured disciples of our Blessed Lord, with various devices, and armorial bearings of the late Earl of Buckingham and heir of Blickling, the Bishop of Norwich, the Dean and Chapter of Norwich and Canterbury, &c.: a stained side window is dedicated to the memory of eight former vicars; another contains some beautiful specimens of old glass, formerly inserted at the expense of the Rev. E. T. Yates, vicar, containing the armorial bearings of his family, and of the lay impropriator of the parish, S. Pitman, Esq., together with those of the Dowager Lady Suffield, &c.: in a recess in the churchyard, in a piece of lawn enclosed with iron rails, planted with roses, heartsease, and other flowers, is the grave of Humphrey Repton, the celebrated landscape gardener, who died March 24th, 1818. The register dates from the year 1653. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £533, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, and held by the Rev. Charles Houghton Aitkens, M.A., of Trinity College and New Inn Hall, Oxford. The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury hold the great tithes, which are leased to S. Pitman, Esq. A Free School was founded here in 1517 by Robert Jannys, mayor of Norwich in that year; it is now conducted upon the National system: here is an Infant school, on the same system. The Baptists, Wesleyans, Primitive Methodists, and Reformed Methodists have each a chapel. 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. 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 Boys hotel. A county court is also held here; the district comprises the following parishes:—Aylsham, Alby, Alderford, Banningham, Barningham Parva, Belaugh, Blickling, Brampton, Booton, Burgh, Brandeston, Buxton, Calthorpe, Cawston, Colby, Coltishall, Corpusty, Erpingham, Foulsham, Guestwick, Hackford, Hautbois Magna, Haveringham, Hevingham, Heydon, Hindolveston, Ingworth, Irmingland, Itteringham, Lammas-with-Hautbois Parva, Mannington, Marsham, Oulton, Oxnead, Reepham-with-Kerdistone, Sall, Saxthorpe, Scottow, Skeytton, Stratton Strawless, Swanton Abbott, Swannington, Themelthorpe, Thurning, Thwaite, Tuttington, Whitwell, Wickmere, Witchingham (Great), Witchingham (Little), Wood Dalling, Wood Norton and Wolterton. The union includes the following parishes:—Alby, Aylsham, Banningham, Barningham Parva, Belaugh, Blickling, Brampton, Burgh, Buxton, Calthorpe, Cawston, Colby, Coltishall, Corpusty, Erpingham, Foulsham, Guestwick, Hackford by Reepham, Hautbois Magna, Hevingham, Heydon, Hindolveston, Ingworth, Irmingland, Itteringham, Lammas-with-Little Hautbois, Mannington, Marsham, Oulton, Oxnead, Reepham-with-Kerdistone, Sall, Saxthorpe, Scottow, Skeytton, Stratton Strawless, Swanton Abbott, Themelthorpe, Thurning, Thwaite, Tuttington, Whitwell, Wickmere, Wolterton, Wood Dalling, and Wood Norton. 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. There are four manors, belonging severally to the Marquis of Lothian, the Vicar, — Wood, Esq. and George Cooper, Esq. The landowners are J. H. Warnes, Esq., John Stracy, Esq., Robert Woods, Esq., Mrs. Elizabeth Clover, W. W. Wickes, Esq., Thomas Henry Case, Esq., Rev. James Bulwer, Marquis of Lothian, Samuel Pitman, Esq., Rev. R. A. Rockham, H. E. Soames, and a few smaller owners. In 1861 the population was 2,623. area, 4,308 acres.

Parish Clerk. Robert Newstead.

Official Establishments, Local Institutions, &c.

POST & MONEY ORDER OFFICE, Post Office Savings Bank, & Government Annuity & Insurance Office.—Charles Clements, postmaster. Letters through Norwich are delivered at 7.30 a.m. by Cromer mail; dispatched at 5.20 p.m. Box closes at 5 p.m., but letters may be posted until 5.20 p.m. by the payment of an extra penny

INSURANCE AGENTS:—

County Fire & Provident Life, George E. Burrell, jun. Red Lion street

European Fire & Life, Burrell & Son, Burgh road

Norwich Union Fire & Life, Jacob Middleton, jun. Market place

Railway Passengers', J. W. Saunders, Cawston road

National School (boys & girls), John Rix, master; Mrs. Mary Ann Rix, mistress

National Infant, Miss Alice Brown, mistress

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS:—

County Court, Thomas Jacob Birch, esq. judge; Jonathan Townley, treasurer; Thomas Kerslake, high bailiff; William Henry Scott, esq. registrar; George Elden Burrell, jun. bailiff

Inland Revenue Officer, Black Boys hotel, Market place,
John Beals, officer
Union Workhouse, William Starters, master; Mrs. Harriet
Starters, matron; Richd. Kay Morton, esq. medical officer
Gas Works, Millgate, Henry Kent, manager; William
Henry Scott, esq. secretary
Reading Room, Market place
Superintendent Registrar, William Henry Scott, esq
Registrar of Births & Deaths & Relieving Officer, John
Wright, Burgh road
Stamp Office, Charles Clements, distributor, Market place
Police Station, Jonathan Chambers, superintendent,
Blickling road

PUBLIC OFFICERS:—

*Clerk to Board of Guardians, Clerk to Assessment
Committee, Assessed Tax Commissioner for South
Erpingham Hundred, Clerk to Trustees of Turnpike
Roads, Clerk to Burial Board, & Deputy Coroner
for the Duchy of Lancaster*, W. H. Scott, esq
Surveyor of Roads, John Soame, White Hart street
*Medical Officer to No. 6 District & Surgeon to the
Workhouse*, Richard Kay Morton, esq

CONVEYANCE TO:—

CROMER—The *Express* coach, from the Dog inn, at
6 p.m.; the *Ocean* coach, from the 'Black Boys,' at
6.15 p.m. Mail omnibus from 'Red Lion,' at 7.15 a.m.
daily, sundays excepted, returning at 5 p.m.

NORWICH—The *Express* coach, from the Dog inn,
at 9 a.m.; the *Ocean* coach, from the 'Black Boys,' at
12 a.m. Saturdays 9 a.m.; *Prince of Wales* coach,
leaves the 'Red Lion' every Saturday at 9 a.m. return-
ing from the 'Duke's Palace,' Norwich, at 5 p.m. Mail
omnibus from 'Red Lion' at 5.20 p.m. to the 'Duke's
Palace,' arrives at 6.45 p.m. Omnibus from 'Red Lion,'
at 9 a.m. to 'Duke's Palace,' daily. A van leaves the
'Red Lion,' on Saturday at 8.30 a.m. returning from the
'Duke's Palace' at 4.30 p.m.

Navigation Company, William Henry Scott, esq. clerk.
Wherries to & from Yarmouth daily, Messrs. John May-
ston & Robert Margetson, proprietors

CARRIERS TO:—

ALBOROUGH—Horner, from the Dog inn, on Monday,
Wednesday & Saturday

BECKHAM—R. Fiddy, from the Dog inn, on Friday

CROMER—Puxley & Durrant, on Saturday

HOLT—Joseph Puxley & Richard Fiddy, from Dog inn,
Wednesday & Saturday

NORWICH—Robert Margetson, from his house, Monday,
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday, & Fiddy, on Tuesday &
Friday, from the Dog inn

PLUMSTEAD & SAXTHORPE—Fiddy, from the Dog inn,
on Tuesday & Friday

SUSTED—Gray, from the Dog inn, Wednesday & Saturday

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Aitkens Rev. Charles Haughton, M.A.
[vicar]

Astley Mrs. Cromer road

Bacon Mrs. Cromer road

Bidwell Henry, esq

Blyth Miss, White Hart street

Bond Mr. William Spurrell, Burgh road

Butler Mrs. Millgate street

Clarke Mr. George, Cawston road

Colby Miss, White Hart street

Cook Mrs. Terrace

Copeman Miss, Blickling road

Elvin Mrs. White Hart street

England Mrs. St. Michael's villas

Gay James, esq. Manor house

Goulder Mrs. White Hart street

Gunton George, esq. White Hart street

Gunton Miss, Cromer road

Hamilton Rev. Alexander [Baptist],
White Hart street

Hillman Mrs. Heydon road

Hunt Mrs. Paradise house

Jodrell Mrs. Commercial road

Kidd Miss, Carr's corner

Little Frederick, esq. Market place

Middleton Jacob, esq. Terrace

Middleton Jacob, jun. esq. Bank

Morton Richard, esq. Bushey place

Parueter Robert William, esq

Powell Mr. Benjamin, Cromer road
 Rackham Miss, Burgh road
 Rawlinson Mrs. Blickling road
 Roe Mr. Daniel, Cawston road
 Roper Mrs. Norwich road
 Saunders Jas. Warnes, esq. Hungate st
 Saunders Mrs. Heydon road
 Scott William Henry, esq. Norwich rd
 Shaw Misses, Terrace
 Smith Mrs. Market place
 Tatten Mr. George, Red Lion street
 Vince Mr. James, Drablegate
 Walpole Miss, Lodge
 Wickes William Watts, esq. The Belt
 Young Miss, Millgate street

COMMERCIAL.

Abbott Alfred, shopkeeper, White Hart street
 Abbs William, baker, Church hill
 Ayton Harriet (Mrs.), dress maker, Market place
 Balfeld Matthew, *Bull*, Red Lion street
 Bartram Robert, builder & stone mason, Millgate street
 Beals John, inland revenue officer, Schoolhouse lane
 Bert Robert, veterinary surgeon, Cromer road
 Bird Elizabeth (Mrs.), beer retailer, White Hart street
 Bird Stephen, bricklayer, Cawston road
 Bird Stephen, shopkeeper, Millgate street
 Blyth Thomas, shopkeeper, Millgate street
 Bower George, secretary to savings bank, Market place
 Brady & Pert, plumbers, Market place
 Breese Emily (Miss), ladies' school, Poplar cottage
 Breese James, tailor & draper, Red Lion street
 Brown Frederick, tanner & leather merchant, Dunkirk
 Brown James, miller & corn & timber merchant, Steam
 mills, Dunkirk, & at Itteringham
 Brown William, shopkeeper, White Hart street
*British & Irish Magnetic & Submarine Telegraph Com-
 pany*, Norwich road
 Bullock Brothers, millers, maltsters & corn merchants. Millgate
 Bunn Henry, shopkeeper, Hungate street
 Burrell George Elden & Son, auctioneers, valuers & land
 agents, Burgh road
 Burrell & Tuddenham, builders & cabinet makers, Burgh rd
 Burrell George Elden, jun. wine & spirit mer. Red Lion st
 Burton George, blacksmith, Red Lion street
 Burton John, blacksmith, White Hart street
 Burton William, shopkeeper, White Hart street
 Butler William, blacksmith, Cawston road
 Carver William, timber merchant, Cawston road
 Case James Lee, farmer, Heydon road
 Case Robert Henry, grocer & draper, Hungate street
 Chambers Jonathan, superintendent of police, Blickling
 road
 Chapman & Roe, coach proprietors, Red Lion street
 Chapman John, butcher, Red Lion street
 Clark John Secker, currier & leather cutter, Cawston road
 Clark John William, farmer, Bolwick
 Clark Richard, farmer, Spa
 Clark George Herbert, chemist & dentist, Market place
 Clements Charles, printer, bookseller, stationer & stamp
 distributor, Market place
 Collins John, grocer & draper, Market place
 Connold Thomas, watch maker, Market place
 Cooper Charles, beer retailer & brewer, Millgate
 Cooper John, *Red Lion inn*, Red Lion street
 Cooper Robert, baker, Market place
 Cornish James, ironmonger, Market place
 Culley Benjamin, bricklayer. Cawston road

Dale Robert, hair dresser, Red Lion street
 Daniel Thomas, shopkeeper, White Hart street
 Davison James, miller, Cawston road
 Denny John, veterinary surgeon, Cromer road
 Edwards John, china dealer, Red Lion street
 England Wallace William, grocer & draper, Red Lion street
 Faulkes James, miller, Cawston road
 Peek Dick, *New inn*, Red Lion street
 Felstead Robert, beer retailer, Dunkirk
 Firmage John, shoe maker, Cawston road
 Fitt Edward, greengrocer, Red Lion street
 Forster William, solicitor, & clerk to the magistrates,
 Market place
 Fox Thomas (from Norwich), practical geneva & english
 watch & clock maker, gold & silver smith, jeweller &
 optician, Red Lion street
 Foxall Thomas, shoe maker, Cawston road
 Frankland Richard, ironmonger, Hungate street
 Prostick Frances (Mrs.), farmer
 Garner Henry, *Black Boys*, Market place
 Gas Works (Henry Kent, manager; William Henry Scott,
 sec.), Millgate
 Glister William, carpenter, Cawston road
 Gotterson Thomas, carpenter, Cromer road
 Greengrass Fanny (Mrs.), school, Burgh road
 Greenwood Charles, farmer, Burgh road
 Gurneys' & Co. bankers (Jacob Middleton, jun. manager),
 Market place; draw on Barclay, Bevan & Co. London &c
 Harrison Isaac, hair dresser, Red Lion street
 Hatcher Jane (Mrs.), dress maker, Red Lion street
 Horstead John, bricklayer, Hungate street
 Hubbard Stephen, plumber &c. Red Lion street
 Ingate Lewis & Son, coach builders, Cromer road
 Johnson John, shoe maker, Hungate street
 Kent Henry, manager to the gas works, Millgate
 Laxen Ann (Mrs.), saddler &c. Market place
 Laxen Richard, baker & confectioner, Red Lion street
 Lemon Benjamin, saddler &c. Red Lion street
 Lemon William, auctioneer, Red Lion street
 Ling James, *Stonemasons' Arms*, Millgate street
 Little Frederick, surgeon, Market place
 Loads James, shoe maker, Market place
 Lomax William, hair dresser, Cawston road
 Maidstone Samuel, shoe maker, Hungate street
 Mann Robert, tailor & draper, Market place
 Margetson Robert, carrier to Norwich & coal merchant,
 Red Lion street
 Martin Mary (Mrs.), blacksmith, Staith
 Mayston John, coal merchant, Cromer road
 Middleton John, shopkeeper, Millgate
 Miller Henry, shoe maker, White Hart street
 Miller Thomas, shoe maker, Market place
 Morton Richard, surgeon, Bushey place
 Moy John, beer retailer, Cawston road
 Newton Thomas, shoe maker, Market place
 Nicholls James, carter, Millgate street
 Nicholls John, *White Horse*, & butcher, Millgate
 Nicholson Goddard, chemist, Red Lion street
Norwich & Norfolk & Fakenham Bank (branch) (Gurneys'
 & Co.) (Jacob Middleton, jun. manager), Market place;
 draw on Barclay, Bevan & Co. London &c

Page William, grocer & draper, Market place
 Patrick Leonard, shoe maker, Pound road
 Payne Henry, farmer, Cawston road
 Payne William, shoe maker, Red Lion street
 Pike Robert, blacksmith, Red Lion street
 Plumbly Charles, farmer, Stonegate
 Poll Henry, farmer, Cawston road
 Proudfoot Robert, shopkeeper, Red Lion street
 Punsher Henry, butcher, Norwich road
 Punsher William, *Dog inn*, Norwich road
 Purdy James, fishmonger, Red Lion street
 Purdy Robert John Woods, farmer, Cawston road
 Ray John Norman, farmer, Wood farm
Reading Room, Market place
 Richardson Elizabeth (Miss), ladies' school, Cromer road
 Riches Richard, *Star*, Red Lion street
 Russell Sarah Ann (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Red Lion street
 Sands Sarah (Mrs.), butcher, Red Lion street
 Saunders James Warnes, surgeon, Hungate street
Savings Bank (George Bowers, sec.), Market place
 Scott William Henry, solicitor, registrar of the county
 court, deputy coroner for the duchy of Lancaster & super-
 intendent registrar, Norwich road
 Seaman James, wheelwright
 Sexton Joseph, baker, Hungate street
 Shore Dennis, beer retailer, Hungate street
 Smith Henry & Co. bone, manure & cake merchants
 Dunkirk
 Smith Lewis Hiram, corrector of weights, Millgate
 Smith Richard, horse dealer, Norwich road
 Soame Henry, farmer, Cawston road
 Soame John, surveyor, assistant overseer & registrar of
 marriages, White Hart street
 Stageman Jonathan, shopkeeper, Red Lion street
 Starling William, basket maker, Red Lion street
 Stearman Ann (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Red Lion street
 Stearman Frederick, tailor, Hungate street
 Stearman James, gardener, Cawston road
 Sutton James & William, tailors, Red Lion street
 Thirtle Robert, shoe maker, Red Lion street
 Thompson Mary Ann (Mrs.), dress maker, Cawston road
 Tipple George, machine owner, Millgate
 Ulph John Hook, *Cross Keys*, Red Lion street
 Wade Charles, watch maker, Hungate street
 Wall Benjamin, baker, Cawston road
 Ward Charles Harvey, grocer & draper, Market place
 Ward George, gardener, Hungate street
 Ward William, shoe maker, Red Lion street
 Warren Thomas, tea dealer, Market place
 Watson John, carpenter, Hungate street
 Watts John, pork butcher, Hungate street
 Wells George, *Unicorn*, Hungate street
 Wells James, shoe maker, Millgate street
 Williams Henry, shopkeeper, Red Lion street
 Winterborn James, millwright, Cawston road
 Wright John, registrar & relieving officer, Burgh road
 Wright Thomas, *Anchor*, Millgate street
 Wright William, boarding & day school, Commercial road
 Wright William Frankland, saddler, Red Lion street

AYLSHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1/8/87 to 31/8/88

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Balance b/f 31.7.87	486.96		
Subscriptions	168.00	Typing Stationery, Postage	65.00
Entrance fees	19.50	Photocopying/Printing	38.00
C.U.E.M.B.	109.20	Fisher Exhibition	25.00
Newsletters	15.75	Norfolk Research Committee	3.00
Jack Vyse presentation	32.00	Federation Norfolk Hist. & Arch.	10.00
Party R.A.A.	478.07	Jack Vyse presentation	32.00
Party c.i.h. & sales	44.43	Party	137.47
R.A.A.	233.00	Jane Nolan	18.85
Vicar - cheques	5.00	Current a/c to Deposit a/c	150.00
Deposit a/c from current a/c	150.00	Travelwide Coaches	185.00
Aylsham Day school	64.00	R.A.A.	138.00
Interest	18.23	Expenses (RAA)	3.00
		Aylsham day school (G & A Fenner)	60.00
		C.U.E.M.B.	67.20
		St. Michael's P.C.C.	5.00
		H.M. Smith binding 2 vols.	22.00
		Wymondham Heritage Soc. visit	17.20
		Joint film show NNT	17.50
		Income over expenditure	629.12
Total	1624.14		1624.14