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### NEW YEAR'S PARTY

A change of venue, this year, took us to the Friendship Club instead of Frazer's barn. There was no change, however, in the quality of the evening's meal and the entertainment which followed it. Sixty-four of us sat down to an excellent meal, prepared by several members under the expert guidance and over-all control of Molly Long.

The traditional starter - a glass of mulled wine prepared by Derek Bacon, was followed, later, by wine with the meal. This white wine was provided from our share of the prize money won at the Local History Fair at Gressenhall. This way, as many members as possible, were able to share in the proceeds.

Four, out of the sixty four present, provided the entertainment afterwards. Judith Thompson (violin), Jenny Robertson (recorder), Rachel Stidson (bassoon) and Deborah Hoskins (harpsichord) - all from the University of Esat Anglia, entertained us with a selection of Baroque music, which was a delightful end to a delightful evening.

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## JOURNAL & NEWSLETTER

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### AWFUL and DESTRUCTIVE TEMPEST: the hail storm of 1843. Ron Peabody

Looking among the Parish Council's archives for items which we could display on our stand at the Norfolk History Fair at Gressenhall last September, I came across a small collection of hand bills/small posters. Among them was the bill shown overleaf.

It was obvious that this was no ordinary hail storm; Aylsham residents are not usually asked to pay a voluntary rate! A major disaster was suggested, and so it proved to be.

"One of the heaviest falls of hail ever known in England, was during the thunder-storm of Wednesday, August 9th. 1843"

so wrote Agnes Gibene, describing the storm in the Cambridge area. She went on -

"an extraordinary darkness of the atmosphere, with clouds hanging so low as almost to rest upon the house-tops, dazzling flashes of lightning, and one long continued wavering roar

of thunder, were enough in themselves to be impressive, but to them was added a deluge of hailstones which lasted more than twenty minutes"

The 'Cambridge Chronicle' reported that-

"Today it is our painful duty to record a storm of thunder and hail more terrific in its character, and more disastrous in its results, than any by which this district has been visited within the memory of living man, or indeed of which history supplies us with an account.

Wednesday, 9th. August 1843, will hold a conspicuous place in the annals of this and the adjoining counties, and the remembrance of it will never recur without sorrow to the minds of those now living, for to many it brought positive ruin, while very few escaped more or less of the injury with which it was fraught."

The storm had come up from Oxfordshire. The morning of the 9th. August was hot and close in Cambridge, but by two o'clock a change occurred with clouds gathering. By three distant thunder was heard, and soon after four o'clock the heavy rain started to fall. The hailstorm began at a quarter to five, and lasted for about half an hour, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The darkened atmosphere and the noise of breaking windows added to the frightfulness of the scene.

"during the whole of this time it was impossible for the eye to penetrate many yards through the storm" reported the 'Chronicle', "the hail fell with such wonderful closeness, and there was such a peculiar mistiness rising from the earth that a complete barrier was opposed to the power of vision."

The hailstones varied in size, some being as large as



walnuts, or pullet's eggs. The cost of the damage in Cambridge was estimated to have been at least £25,000 - windows broken, crops destroyed, fruit on trees ruined and properties flooded.

By six o'clock the storm had reached Thetford, and for an hour the town suffered severely from its effects. Later in the Town Clerk's garden the dead bodies of over 100 sparrows were recovered. We do not have a detailed newspaper account of the storm as it affected Aylsham, because the first issue of our local paper was not published until two years later. However, it is clear from the report in the 'Norfolk Chronicle & Norwich gazette' that Aylsham suffered severely like Cambridge and Thetford.

The storm reached Norwich about 7.30pm. It panicked the audience at the Theatre where "The Maid of Croissey" was being performed, and some rushed out, only to find the passage-ways blocked by water. The river at Bishop's Bridge rose by a foot in five minutes, and the damage was extensive all over the city, meriting the headline "Awful and destructive tempest".

Whilst most of the Midlands, East Anglia and some of the southern counties suffered from the storm, it was reported that the weather in Ipswich was lovely!

August appears to be a treacherous month as two of the natural disasters which have greatly affected Aylsham - the 1843 hailstorm and the 1912 floods, have occurred in that month. Perhaps we should ban August as a "holiday" month!

For supplying the information which shows why the 1843 hailstorm was so disastrous, I am grateful to a local meteorologist, Norman Brooks, Old Costessey, Norwich, of the Norfolk Rainfall Organisation. I am also indebted to our editor, Tom Mollard, for checking through the Norwich Library, Local Studies department's collection of old newspapers for any account of the damage caused by the storm in Norfolk.

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# THE PARISH OF AYLSHAM.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Aylsham in Vestry, on Thursday the 28th instant, convened by the Minister, Churchwardens and Guardians of the Parish, to consider the best mode in which they should contribute to the relief of the Sufferers by the late **HAIL STORM**, it was Resolved, That a Voluntary Rate at three pence in the pound upon the present Assessment, be made and collected from all Persons in the Parish who usually pay to the Poor rates, and that those Persons who are not assessed in the rate to an amount equal to those who are occupiers of land be requested to contribute such sums as they may think proper beyond the amount of their rate.

*September 28th, 1843.*

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CLEMENTS, PRINTER, AYLSHAM.



## THE JOHN SOAME MEMORIAL PUMP

Molly Cook.

I expect, like me, you have many times passed the Pump at Carr's Corner, on the way to Blickling or Cawston, and wondered who erected it, and why?. Well, browsing through the Parish Council Minutes, I came across a newspaper cutting giving details of the Opening Ceremony on Thursday, 29th. May 1913, when Col. T.W.Purdy, on behalf of Mr. John Soame Austen, presented the Pump to the Parish Council in memory of John Soame.

According to Col. Purdy, - "John Soame was a very well-respected farmer . . . of the essence of Aylsham. The Soame family had lived in the Aylsham district since 1570 owning large estates. The first name of Soame, as churchwarden of the parish, was in 1641. From then until 1863, a great many of the Soame family had acted as churchwardens. He was a true type of the old-fashioned English gentleman.... a thoroughly straightforward, honest man with a shrewd sense of humour; a keen man of business, and absolutely generous; kind to all his employees, and to any who were in need of sympathy; a model employer."

Canon Hoare, the Parish Council Chairman, in accepting 'the handsome liberal gift' with £100 endowment for upkeep, said:-

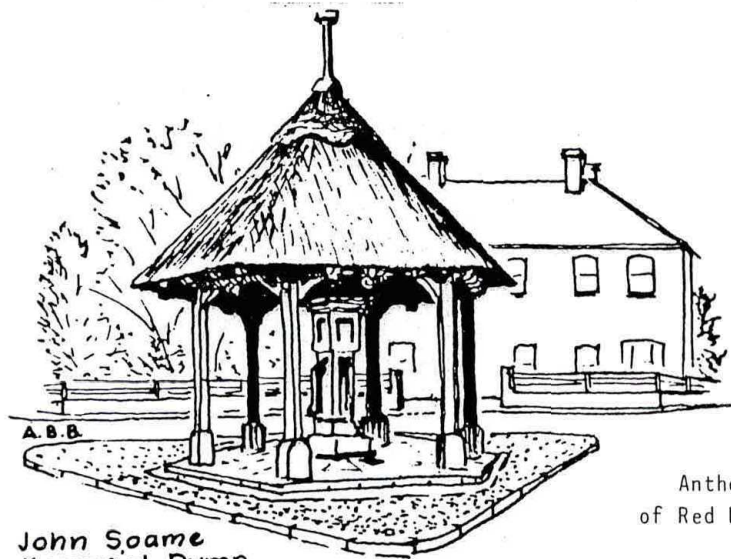
"The Pump would give a constant supply of pure fresh water. Local wells were very shallow, and apt to get contaminated, but here they had water which could not become contaminated, and could not fail in supply, coming from 170 feet below the surface, free of cost and with no rate."

The Memorial is a pump, with oak shelter erected over.

The well was bored to 170ft. The shelter has a stone base with six solid-oak posts supporting finely carved eaves and a roof of thatch. Tube bore by Mr.H.C.Smith of Fingrinhoe, Colchester. Stone and woodwork by T.H.Blyth of Foulsham. Thatching by Mr.Farman of North Walsham, - a famous Norfolk name.

It was maintained for many years by Mr. Harry Proudfoot, the Parish Clerk, commonly called 'the mayor of Aylsham' who lived in the bungalow "Wayside" in Blickling Rd. As a lad, Mr.Walter Wade remembers - "Prior to the erection of the Pump, there was a triangular green/garden surrounded by wooden palings painted red on a low brick wall, with a lime tree in the centre. When the Pump was opened on Oak Apple Day, and money was scattered for the children to gather, he remembers making for a silver coin, when an old man put his foot on it, and foiled him".

You may be interested to know that a member of the Aylsham & District Flower Club has decorated the Pump at Christmas time, for many years, and made it an attractive feature at that season.



John Soame  
Memorial Pump  
Aylsham

Drawing by  
Anthony B.Butler  
of Red Lion Gallery



## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SIR THOMAS BROWNE

Dr. Keith Knowles spoke to an appreciative audience in the Friendship Club on the 7th. December about his famous predecessor, Sir Thomas Browne of Norwich. We learned quite a lot about Sir Thomas, but quickly moved, via his antiquarian interests, into the wider sphere of Roman Archaeology, and more specifically, the archaeology of Roman Brampton. Although many in the audience knew of the archaeological associations of Brampton, I think most people were surprised at the scale of these Roman connections.

Sir Thomas Browne was born in London on 19th. October 1605, the son of a wealthy merchant. After a wide-ranging education, he settled in Norwich in 1637, and there practised medicine for the next 45 years until his death on 19th. October 1682. His statue stands today on Hay Hill in Norwich, next door to his parish church of St. Peter Mancroft. His body and that of his wife, both lie in St. Peter Mancroft, although his body is in two parts, as the skull which was stolen in 1840 was only re-interred as recently as 1922, next to his monument.

During his lifetime, he was celebrated as a great doctor, an inspired writer and a liberal thinker. He was also a confirmed Royalist, and this loyalty earned him his Knighthood from King Charles. Above all, he was a noted antiquarian, and his interest in urn-burials (some of which were discovered in Norfolk) led to his book 'Hydriotaphia' which was published in 1658.

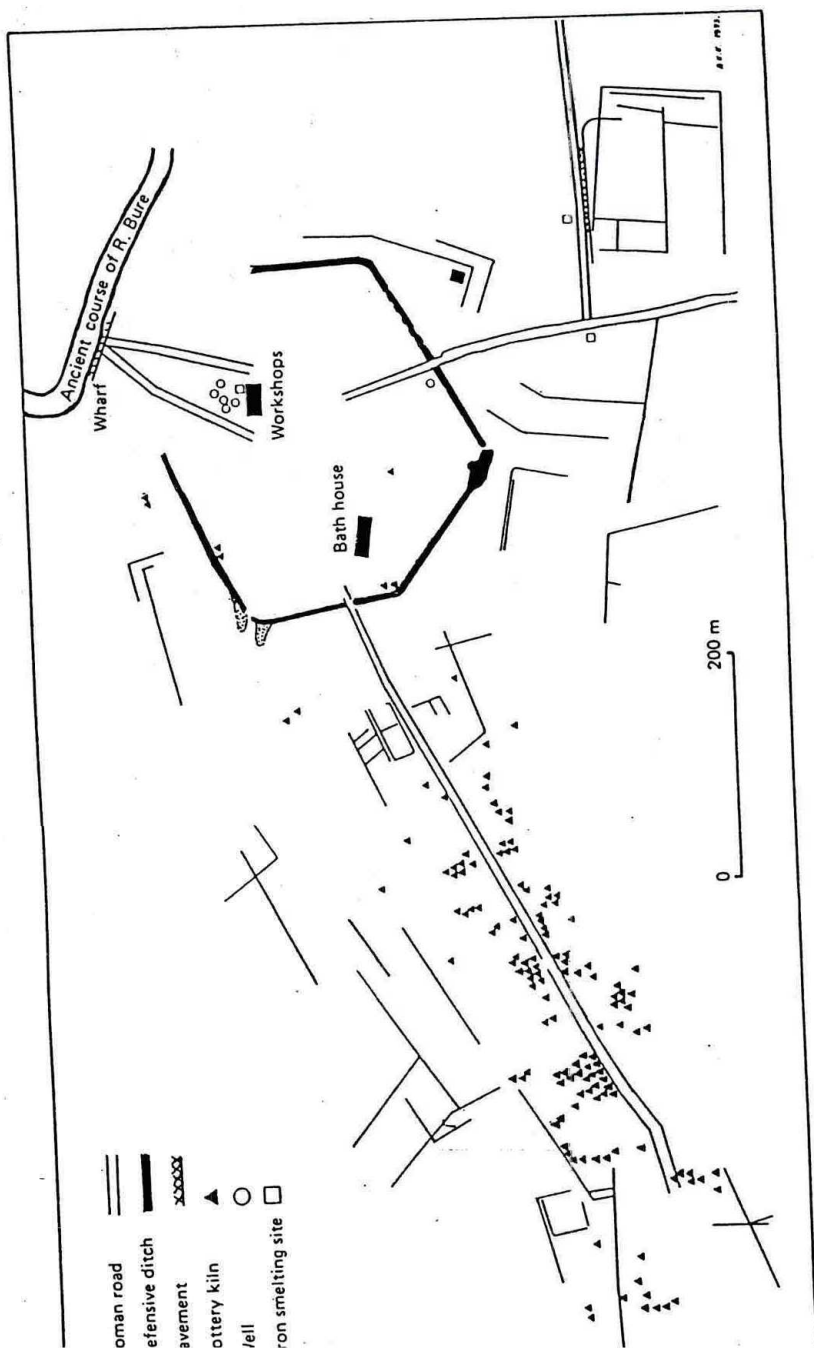
This link led us neatly to Brampton, where Roman remains have been patiently explored by Dr. Knowles and his colleagues for several

years. Although Brampton lies on our door-step, it came as a surprise to learn that Brampton is regarded as the third most important Roman site in Norfolk, and much of it still remains to be explored. The sites of over 145 pottery kilns have been tracked down; these are concentrated over three fields making it the largest concentration of pottery making in England. Of these 145 sites, there are 132 still to be excavated. Evidence of all this concentrated pottery making raises other questions - where did all the huge output of these kilns go to? and how was it all moved from Brampton?

The evidence suggests that much of it was produced for the Roman army, and the maker's marks have turned up on fragments found over various parts of Britain wherever the army was garrisoned. Movement was almost certainly by boat; - boats which were loaded on the river Bure, which in those days ran closer to the site than it does today. Other artefacts have already been discovered, and we were able to see slides of many of these. With so much of interest already discovered, who knows what greater interest lies still to be discovered?

### **BRAMPTON Norfolk**

TG 2223 *Small town with extensive potteries*  
Brampton, near Aylsham, is classified as a small town site beside the river Bure. It is distinguished for its extensive pottery industries, which flourished over a long period, from the late first to the mid fourth century. Over 150 kilns have been found, the great majority lying in an industrial sector on the western end of the town. There is also evidence of iron working and bronze



Roman Bampton



working, and of buildings associated with these skills. In the early 1970s a small bath house was found in the town centre, which had painted plaster walls, and it is clear that the structure was a free-standing facility not associated with any private house or public building. (Could it have been for the workers in the potteries?) Remains of a wharf, which once flanked the river (whose course originally ran closer to the town than it does today) and which was served by a road from the town, have also been found. It is thought that the pottery items, of which vast quantities must have been manufactured, were loaded on to vessels at the wharf for distribution by sea to many parts of Britain including, the excavators believed, the army at various depots and forts. *Mortaria* stamped by the second-century potter *Aesuminus* who worked at Bampton have turned up in several places, such as Lincoln and Corbridge. The excavations have been a triumph of skill, patience and ingenuity under the astute leadership of Dr Keith Knowles.

The extract above is re-printed from "Roman Britain" by Plantaganet Somerset Fry, as also is the map which precedes this article.

for further reading see:-

KNOWLES Dr.A.K. 'Bampton, Norfolk: an interim report' in "Britannia" VIII (1977) pp 209-222.

## QUERIES & NOTES

Answers to most of the queries posed in our last issue have been supplied by Geoffrey Ducker who has a fund of knowledge of people, places and events in Aylsham.

Replying first to the queries raised in Dr.Sapwell's article, he tells us:-

Sovereigns - is a wood on the west side of Blickling Park.

Harry Broughton's cottage - is on Itteringham Common, (No.54?) opposite Austin Fowle's farmhouse.

Readypenny - is the area beyond Sankence, to the west of the Cawston Road.

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Referring to the Brickworks on the Blickling Estate, Mr.Ducker says that the brickworks operated until the Second World War. Towards the end of its life, the bricks produced were of a poor quality, perhaps because the best clay had, by then, been worked out. In the possession of the National Trust there is, apparently, a tape recording made by a former worker at the brickworks. This may provide more information.

Concerning the British Legion Club, Mr.Ducker has never seen any plans of the building, although he surveyed the groundfloor in 1962, but by that time, the internal lay-out had already been altered during the time that the army then the Civil Defence had been using the building. He thinks that the 1962 ground-floor survey might still exist.

(FOR FURTHER 'QUERIES & NOTES' SEE PAGE 157)

## FURTHER EXTRACTS FROM THE NORWICH NEWSPAPERS

Dr. Pat Murrell

*In February, last year, we published a selection of extracts from the Norwich newspapers collected by Dr. Pat Murrell. Here are a few more, slightly later in date than the previous collection. These are all culled from the BURY & NORWICH POST and in this selection all the items refer to Aylsham.*

Wednesday, 14th. January 1789

### AYLSHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL

J. NORTH, with gratitude for former Favours, respectfully begs leave to inform his friends and the public, that his school will open on MONDAY January 19th. 1789, for the reception of Boarders and Day scholars.

He also instructs, by the shortest and most expeditious method, young gentlemen designed for the university, in the elements of Algebra, Euclid, and Conic-Sections, with their application to the theoretical parts of Natural Philosophy and Mathematics.

Estates accurately surveyed and neatly plan'd,  
by himself and pupils.

Wednesday 21st. January 1789

### PRIVATE EDUCATION

The Rev. WILLIAM JEWELL is desirous of receiving into his house, THREE or FOUR YOUNG GENTLEMEN to be educated for the University or any liberal profession. In the course of their education, due attention will be given to Ancient and Modern Languages,



History, Mathematics and every other branch of useful literature and science, and particularly to their morals

WEDNESDAY 25th. August 1790

ROBERT DYE respectfully acquaints the public, that he has taken the DOG INN in Aylsham, in the county of Norfolk, which he has fitted up and furnished with every desireable accommodation, and stored his cellars with the choicest wines and other liquors. He therefore, humbly solicits the favours of the former customers to the above Inn, and those of the public in general, assuring them, nothing in his power shall be wanting to merit their favours and esteem.

5th. February 1794

#### COCKING

A MAIN OF COCKS to be fought at the BLACK BOY, Aylsham, between the Gentlemen of Norwich, and the Gentlemen of Aylsham on the 10th. and 11th. of Feb. to fight for £5 a battle and £20 the odd. - A good Ordinary each day, provided by J. HARRIMAN  
NB. A pair of cocks to be pitted at Twelve o'clock.

Wednesday 23rd. September 1795.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION by ROBERT ANSELL at the BLACK BOYS in AYLSHAM, on TUESDAY the 6th. October, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, unless before disposed of by private contract, of which notice will be given.

The following ESTATES in Lots:

Lot 1. ALL those large and valuable Water Corn Mills, called Aylsham Mills, with two water wheels, one

with counter motion, the other spur: with four pair of French stones, four flour mills, two rolling screens, together with all the going gears, irons, brasses and appurtenances belonging to the said mills: also three stables, granary, barn, waggon lodge and other convenient buildings near the mills, in very good repair, with garden and pightle adjoining, containing about 2 acres.

A very good and convenient Messuage, pleasantly situated near the mills and fronting the river, with gardens adjoining, now in the use of Mrs. Parmeter.

Also, a new-built Dwelling-House adjoining the last, in the occupation of Mr. William Cook.

And a very good cottage, near the mills, very convenient for a servant of the miller to live in.

These mills are now in the occupation of Mr. Parmeter, without lease; are well situated for trade, being at the head of the navigation from Aylsham to Yarmouth, within 11 miles of Norwich, 7 from North Walsham (one of the best corn markets in Norfolk), 6 miles from Coltishall and 12 from Holt.

- Lot 2. A close of very good arable land, next the highway leading from Aylsham to North Walsham, containing about 5 acres.
- Lot 3. A close of arable land, containing about 2A. 2R next the King's highway leading from Aylsham to Tuttington.
- Lot 4. A close of meadow or pasture, called the Furze meadow, next the said road leading to Tuttington, containing 5A, 1R, 34P (more or less)
- Lot 5. A close of very good meadow land, called Bear's Meadow, containing about 4A, 2R, 16P next the said road leading to Tuttington.

Lot 6. Another meadow adjoining the last, containing about 3A, 2R, 33P

All the above lands are lying in Aylsham aforesaid, at a short distance from the mills, and now in the use of the said Mr.Parmeter, without lease.

Lot 7. A very good Staithe, near the head of the Navigation, 75 feet long, with a large warehouse lately built upon it, brick and tiled with a double floor, very convenient for a merchant. Further particulars may be had by applying to Mr.Thos.Smyth at Dereham.

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QUERIES & NOTES(Continued from page 133 )

1. Wherries - opposite p.143 in Dr.Sapwell's history of Aylsham is a photograph of a wherry loading in the mill pool. It is claimed that this photograph, of which there are many copies in existence, is the only photograph of a wherry in Aylsham. Is this true?. Do others exist?
2. Market Place - Has anyone any information about the use of our market place as a livestock market?

Answers to both queries, please, to Ron Peabody,  
Aylsham: 733230



## SOCIETY NEWS

PARISH RECORDS - The Vicar of Aylsham, Rev.D.Parkes, informs us that the church records formerly kept in Aylsham, have all been placed in the Norfolk Record Office, in Norwich, for permanent storage. Members wishing to consult them can now see them there, in the Record Office, which is below the Central Library in Bethel Street.

To avoid disappointment, it is important to remember that it is usually necessary to book a seat in advance, to study documents in the Record Office - such is the demand.

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ARCHIVES COURSE - After a Christmas break, the Archives group resumed its activities with members pursuing their own special interests. Some work, already completed by members, is reaching the stage where it can be shared with others. Already we have an Index to the Tithe Map, which has been completed by Mrs.G.Barwick. There is already a manuscript index in existence in the Archives, which shows signs of wear and tear. The typed transcript (of which there are several copies) should make the index more readily available, and save wear and tear on the original. A more comprehensive publication may become possible later in the year.

Another project has already been published (see next item for details) and in this issue of the Newsletter there is an article on the Soame Memorial Pump by Mrs.M.Cook, based on research carried out during the Archives course. The editor hopes that many more items will follow in due course.

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"AYLSHAM IN 1821" - a manuscript census return of Aylsham in 1821, which is in the Parish Archives, has been transcribed and published by the Society as a direct follow-up to the Archives course. It was decided that copies should be made available, on sale, to members and other interested persons at 50p each. This is a 40pp listing of householders, fully indexed. Orders and enquiries to the editor.

It is hoped that any similar work, by other members, would be considered for publication, either as an 'Occasional Paper' - like the above - or as an article in the "Newsletter & Journal"

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#### ANOTHER PARISH MAP DAY

After the success of the Parish map day held before Christmas, The Aylsham Local History Society and The Aylsham Association decided to hold another such event 'when the bad weather was over'. Going on recent temperatures, it should be Springlike on Saturday 25th. February, for which day, the Green Room has again been booked.

We need help in at least two forms. Firstly, to give information about old Aylsham to put on the Parish Map, and secondly to collect information from those who call in to tell us what they know from memories that often reach back a surprisingly long way. As a help to jogging memories, we are going to display the "where on earth in Aylsham" photo-quiz that created interest at the Society's annual party at the Friendship Club. We now put this quiz out as a challenge to Aylsham folk. Please come along to help in whatever way you can, between 10am. and 1pm. on Saturday 25th. February at the Green Room in the Town Hall.

PETER HOLMAN

## HEAD SCRATCHING TIME - AGAIN!

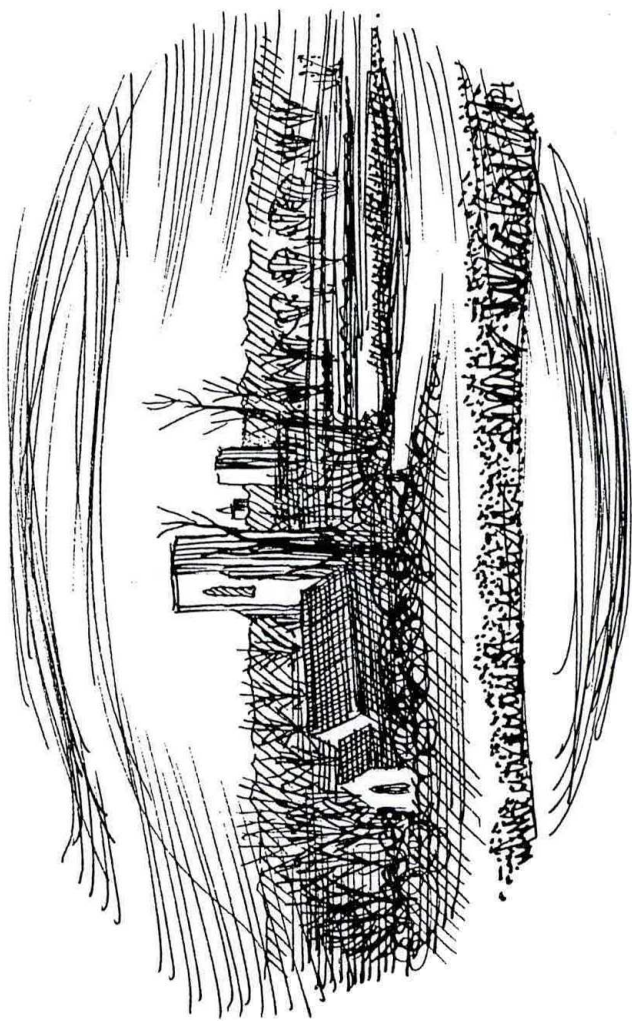
Peter Holman sets us another brain-teaser which should test your knowledge of your own county. All that he offers in the way of help is the following:-

"Although leys, or lines of alignment, can easily be found on maps, seeing them on the ground, especially in Norfolk, is another matter. Many people dispute that they exist, and much depends on what landmarks are included - milestones and the odd blasted oak-tree do not convince. But church sites are another matter. There are several interesting alignments locally in North East Norfolk, but few are visible. The one illustrated (opposite) re-drawn from a photograph using a telephoto lens, includes Aylsham church on the skyline. But where are the other two churches? and from which public highway can this ley be seen (more easily in winter when the trees are bare)?

### A clue for each church:

- 1) "not like the Egyptian tyrants consecrate,  
Unmixed with others shall my dust  
remain..."
- 2) Almost alone in open country, with a tall  
west tower lacking a parapet.
- 3) 'Peace, Perfect Peace'

Claims as to the correct position for seeing this ley are best given as a grid reference from the O.S. map, or a detailed written description will do. A small prize is offered for the first correct answer.





NEW BOOKS, OF LOCAL INTEREST, RECENTLY  
ADDED TO THE COUNTY LIBRARY

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BLOEMENDAL, F. photog.	East Anglia: heritage and landscape.
BUSH, A.	Needham notes: or, the memoirs of a miller's son.
BUTTERCUP Joe.	Still on the road to nowhere p.b. ed.
FROSTICK, Raymond	The Dutch connection: some Norfolk maps and their makers
HALES, Jane	Looking at Norfolk
HARROD, W. Lady	Norfolk guide (new.ed.)
MOORE, A.W.	Dutch and Flemish painting in Norfolk.
MORTLOCK, D.P.	Popular guide to Suffolk churches. No.1 - West Suffolk. p.b. ed.
REEVE, Christopher.	A strange and terrible wonder the story of the Black Dog of Bungay.
TILLET, Iris.	Cinderella Army: the Women's Land Army in Norfolk p.b.ed.

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COVER ILLUSTRATION

In this issue, the cover illustration is by Ivan Morris; showing Millgate at the junction with New Road.

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## AYLSHAM IN 1872

*The next in our sequence of directories brings us into the 1870's with HARROD'S "Directory of Norfolk-1872". Again, it is much more elegantly set-out, and more clearly produced than the earlier White's or Kelly's directories. The preliminary description of the town is brief, and largely a repeat of earlier directories. It almost certainly contains the same number of inaccuracies as all other directories.*

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**AYLSHAM** is a union and small market town, in South Erpingham hundred, East Norfolk. It is situated on the banks of the river Bure, which is navigable to Yarmouth, distant  $125\frac{1}{2}$  miles from London, and 12 N. of Norwich station, 11 from Cromer, and 11 from Holt, and contained in 1871 about 2,800 inhabitants. The area of the parish is 4,311 acres. The annual value of assessed property, in 1846 was £9,191 2s. 6d. The church of St. Michael was built by John held of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, the court of whose duchy was once 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 with saints, martyrs, and confessors in 1507, principally at the cost of Thomas Wymer, who on his monument is represented in a winding sheet. The east window 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 present Bishop of Norwich, the Dean and Chapter of Norwich and Canterbury, the late vicar, &c. A stained side window is dedicated to the memory of eight former vicars ; another contains



some beautiful specimens of old glass, inserted at the expense of the late vicar, containing the armorial bearings of his family. The church has ten bells, a large and lofty steeple, clock and organ. The register dates from 1653. The living is a vicarage, value £533, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, who hold the rectorial tithes. The Rev. Charles Haughton Aitkens, M.A., is the vicar. The following are the dissenting places of worship:—Baptist Chapel, Rev. A. Hamilton minister; Wesleyan Chapel, Rev. Robert Eldridge minister; Methodist Free Church, Rev. Robert Sibey, minister; Primitive Methodist Chapel, Rev. Robert Eaglen minister. The Town Hall is a red brick building, erected in 1857. The large room is 60 feet by 30, and is used for concerts, balls, public meetings, &c.; it is also used as a corn exchange. One of the rooms is supplied with all the principal periodicals and newspapers; here is also an excellent library of about 800 volumes, belonging to the Literary Institution. Petty sessions are held at the Town Hall every Tuesday, Wm. Foster, Esq., is clerk to the magistrates. The Police Station, situated on the Blickling road, is a brick building, with superintendent's residence and two cells. The corn market is held on Tuesday. Fairs are held yearly on March 23rd and last Tuesday in September, and a hiring for servants on the first Tuesday in October. In 1805, an earthen vessel, containing about 500 pieces of old silver coin, mostly groats of Henry VII., and pennies of the Edwards, was dug up in a field near the town; about the same time and on Stow Heath, two miles east of the town are several *tumuli* or *barrows*, in which two urns, containing human bones, were found.

POSTAL MONEY-ORDER, TELEGRAPH OFFICE AND POST OFFICE SAVINGS' BANK.—Market place. Charles Clements, postmaster. Letters arrive at half-past 7 a.m., by Cromer mail from Norwich; dispatched at 20 minutes past 5 p.m. Box closes at 5 p.m., but letters may be posted until a quarter past 5 p.m. by the payment of an extra penny.

Gurneys and Co., Bankers (Branch of Norwich)—Draw on Barclay and Co., London; Mr. Jacob Middleton, manager.

Savings' Bank, Market place—Mr. George Bower, secretary.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, &c.:

County Court, W. H. Cooke, Esq., judge; H. Vince, treasurer; Thomas Kerslake, high bailiff; William Henry Scott, Esq., registrar; George Elden Burrell, junior, bailiff.

Union Workhouse—William Starters, master; Mrs. Harriet Starters matron; chaplain, Rev. S. M. Shephard; Mr. Geo. Clarke, superintendent.

Gas Works, Millgate Street—Henry Kent, manager.

Inland Revenue Office, Black Boys' hotel—Ed. Ramsey, officer.

Literary Institute, Town hall—Geo. Bowyer, secretary.

Police Station, Blickling-road—Jonathan Chambers, superintendent.

Stamp Office, Market place—Charles Clements, distributor.

Registrar of Births and Deaths and Relieving Officer—D. F. Roe.

Aylsham Rifle Corps—Archibald Captain.

Cemetery Burial Ground, Norwich-road—John Rudd, keeper.

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Public School, School-house lane—John Rix, master; Mrs. Mary Ann Rix, mistress.

Posting Houses—Black Boys' hotel, Dog inn, and Red Lion inn.

### CONVEYANCES TO :—

Norwich—The Express (coach) from Dog at 9 a.m., returning to Aylsham at 6.20 p.m., leaves for Cromer at 6.30 p.m. The Ocean coach from Black boys at 12 at noon, returning at 6.20, and to Cromer at 6.30 p.m. Prince of Wales Coach leaves Red Lion every Saturday at 9 a.m., returning from Duke's Palace at 5 p.m. Omnibus from Red Lion at 9 a.m. to Duke's Palace daily.

### CARRIERS TO :—

Alborough and Beckham—Horner, from the Dog inn, on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Holt—Richard Fiddy, from Dog inn, Wednesday and Saturday. Norwich—Robert Margetson, from his house, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday; and Fiddy, on Tuesday and Friday from the Dog inn.

### PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Aitkens Rev. Charles Haughton, M.A.,  
incumbent of St. Michael  
Astley Mrs. Jane, Cromer road  
Bacon Mrs. Stephen, Oak cottage, Cromer  
road  
Blunderfield Mrs. Ann, Church terrace  
Blyth Miss, White Hart-street  
Bond Wm. Spurrell, Esq., Burgh-road  
Brown Mr. Edward, Dunkirk  
Brown Mr. John, Dunkirk  
Bullock Mrs. Sarah, Cawston-road  
Circuit Rev. W. C., curate Cawston-road  
Clarke Mr. George, Cawston-road  
Clarke Mrs. E., Cawston-road  
Clover Mr. John Market-place  
Colby Miss Martha, White Hart-street  
Colby Mrs. Jane, Cawston-road  
Cook Mrs., Church-terrace  
Copeman Miss, Blickling road  
Elvin Mrs. Martha, White Hart street  
Fisher Mrs. Catherine, Paradise  
Forster Wm., Esq., Market-place  
Gay James, Esq., Blickling-road  
Goulder Mrs. Francis, White Hart-street  
Gunton George, Esq., White Hart street  
Gunton Miss, Cromer road  
Hamilton Rev. Alexander (Baptist) White  
Hart street  
Hillman Mrs., Heydon-road  
Jodrell Miss, Commercial-road  
Kidd Miss, Burgh-road  
Little Joseph, Esq., Cawston road  
Maris Mrs. Mary, Drabblegate  
Morse Charles, Esq., Norwich road  
Mortin Richard, Esq., Bushey place  
Mott Miss Lucy, School lane  
Powell Benjamin, Esq., Cromer road  
Parmeter Robert Wm., Esq., Cromer road  
Rackham Miss Mary, Burgh road  
Rawlinson Mrs., Blickling road

Roper Geo., Esq., Market place  
Saunders Mrs. Amelia, Heydon road  
Schuckburgh Mrs. Sarah, Pound lane  
Scott Wm. Henry, Esq., Norwich road  
Shaw the Misses, Church terrace  
Skidmore Mrs. Mary, Burgh road  
Smith Mrs. Blanche, Market place  
Stevens Mrs. Catherine, Cawston road  
Thompson Mrs. Ann, Red Lion street  
Walpole Miss Jane, White Hart street  
Wickes Wm. Watts, Esq., Millgate-street

### PROFESSIONS,

#### GENERAL TRADES, &c.

Abbott A., baker, &c., White Hart street  
Abbs William, baker, &c., Church hill  
Aytton Mrs. Harriet, dressmaker, Market  
place

**BARTRAM ROBERT**, builder and  
contractor, stone mason, monumental  
slabs and tomb erector, agent for  
Staffordshire ware and cements, Mill-  
gate

Bird Elizabeth, beer retailer, White Hart  
street

Bird Stephen, bricklayer, Cawston-road  
Bower George, secretary to savings' bank,  
Market place

Brady and Pert, decorators, painters,  
plumbers, and glaziers, Market place;  
workshops, Cromer road

Breeze James, tailor and draper, Red  
Lion street

Brown Frederick, tanner, Dunkirk

Brown James, miller and corn merchant,  
coal, timber, coke, and seed merchant,  
Aylsham steam mills, Dunkirk

Bullock Brothers, corn merchants, millers  
and malsters, Millgate



## AYLSHAM.

Bunn Henry, shopkeeper, broker, general dealer, and chimney sweeper, Hungate street

Burrell and Son, auctioneers, appraisers, and valuers, Burgh road

Burrell and Tuddenham, builders and cabinet makers, upholsterers, and paperhangers, Burgh road

**BURRELL GEORGE ELDEN, Jun.**, wine, spirit, ale, porter and cigar merchant, house agent and auctioneer, agent for Horsfield's and Bagshaw's bone manures and bones, Red Lion street

Burrell Wm., wheelwright, Red Lion street

Burton Geo., blacksmith, Red Lion street

Burton Wm., shopkeeper, White Hart street

Burton John, blacksmith, Cromer hill

Butler William, blacksmith, Cawston road

Carver Wm., timber merchant, Cawston road

Chambers Jonathan, superintendent of police, police station, Blickling-road

Clarke George superintendent, Aylsham union, Cawston-road

Clarke John Secker, currier and leather cutter, Cawston-road

Clements Charles, postmaster, Market place

**CLEMENTS CHARLES & Co.**, booksellers, printers, stationers, post office, stamp office, and library, Market place, and telegraph office

Collins John, grocer and tea dealer, linen and woollen draper, silk mercer, hosier and haberdasher, family mourning warehouse, Market place

Connold Thomas, watchmaker, Market place; agent to the "Norfolk News"

**COOPER WM.**, brewer and malster, White Hart street

Cornish James, ironmonger, Market place  
Culley Benjamin, builder, &c., Cawston road

Dale Robert, hairdresser, newsagent, stationer and fancy shop, Birmingham and Sheffield goods, perfumer and stuffer of birds, &c., Red Lion street

Davison James, miller, Butland-lane

Denny Joshua, veterinary surgeon and cattle inspector, agent to the Norfolk Farmers' Cattle Association, Peterson's lane

Edwards John, china and earthenware dealer, Market place

**ENGLAND WALLACE WM.**, grocer and draper, &c., Red Lion street

Faulkes James, miller, Cawston road  
Feistead Robert, beer retailer, Dunkirk

**FINCH W. J.**, photographer & artist

Firmage John, shoemaker, Cawston road  
Fitt Edward, gardener, &c. Red Lion street

**FITT GEORGE R.**, drapery and millinery establishment, Red Lion street

Forster William, solicitor, and clerk to the magistrates, Market place

Fox Thomas, watchmaker, Red Lion street

Frankland Richard, ironmonger, brazier, tinman, and whitesmith, &c., Hungate street

**GARNER HENRY**, Black boys inn, commercial hotel and posting establishment; hearse and mourning coach proprietor; omnibus for private families; Market place

**GEORGE EDWARD R.**, chemist, druggist, and agent for the Standard Insurance Wine Company

Glister Wm., carpenter, Cawston road  
Gotterson Thomas, wheelwright, &c., Cromer hill  
Greengrass Miss Fanny, Ladies' School, Burgh road

**GRIMES JAMES**, butcher, Millgate street

Gurneys and Co., bankers, Market place; Mr. Jacob Middleton, jun., manager. Draw on Barclay, Bevan and Co., London.

Hatcher Mrs. Jane, dressmaker, Red Lion street

Hatcher Samuel, tea dealer, Red Lion st.  
Horstead John, bricklayer, Hungate street

**HUBBARD STEPHEN**, plumber, glazier, painter, paperhanger, and contractor. A new and well assorted stock of paperhangings always on sale. Red Lion street

Ingate, Lewis, and Son, coach builders, &c., Cromer road  
Johnson John, shoemaker, Hungate st.

Kent Henry, manager to the gas works, Millgate

Laxen Henry, saddler, &c., Market place  
Laxen Richard, baker, flour dealer, and confectioner, Red Lion street

**LEMON WM.**, auctioneer and harness maker, Red Lion street

Ling James, Stone Masons' Arms, Millgate  
Little Frederick, Norwich road, surgeon.  
Surgeon to the 4th district of the union, viz., Aylsham, Blickling, Oulton, Burgh, Ingworth, and Marsham

Loades James, boot and shoe manufacturer, clothes and furniture dealer, Market place

Lomax William, hairdresser, Cawston rd.  
Maidstone Samuel, shoemaker and parish clerk, Red Lion street

Mann Robt., tailor & draper, Market place  
Margetson Robert, coal merchant, and carrier to Norwich, Red Lion street

Martin and Sons, blacksmith, &c., Staith  
Mayston John, coal merchant, Cromer rd.  
Medler Robert, butcher, Hungate street  
Middleton Henry, butcher, Red Lion st.

Middleton Jacob, bank manager for Messrs. Gurney and Co., and agent to the General Hail Storm and Norwich Union Fire and Life Insurance Companies, Market place

Middleton John, grocer, &c., Millgate  
Mileham Walter, Deputy Superintendent Registrar of births, marriages, and deaths, correspondent to the Norfolk News, Norfolk Chronicle, and Norwich Mercury, agent for the Reliance Mutual Life Assurance Society. Near Church terrace

Miller Henry, boot and shoemaker, White Hart street

Miller Henry W., manure agent, Millgate  
Miller Thomas, boot and shoemaker, Market place

Morton Richard, surgeon, Bushey-place

Morton John, pork butcher, Hungate st.  
Moy John, beer retailer, Cawston road  
Newton Thomas J., boot and shoemaker, Marketplace

**NICHOLLS JAMES**, draper, grocer, glass, earthenware and provision merchant, Town lane

Nicholls John, beer retailer and butcher, Millgate

Nicholson Goddard, dispensing & family chemist, agent for Brown and Polson's patent corn flour, Thorley's condiment, and Scottish Union Life Office, cigar dealer, Red Lion street

Oliver James, shoemaker, Hungate street

**PAGE WILLIAM**, grocer & draper, Market place

Parmeter Wm. Robert, solicitor, Cromer road

Patrick Leonard, shoemaker, Pound road

Partridge Daniel, butcher, Cromer road

Payne William, boot and shoemaker, Red Lion street

Pike Robert, blacksmith, Red Lion street

Poll William, Bull inn, Red Lion street

**PROUDFOOT ROBERT**, carpenter and builder, picture frame manufacturer, furniture repairer, &c., Red Lion street

Puncher William, commercial posting house, The Dog inn, Norwich road

Ramsay Miss Jane, ladies' school, Cromer road

Ramsay Edward, Inland Revenue Office, Cromer road

"Reading Rooms," Market place, Mr. Geo. Bowyer secretary

Richardson Mrs. Elizabeth, ladies' school, Cromer-road

Riches Richard, Star inn, Red Lion st.

Rix John, schoolmaster, and agent to the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Companies School house lane

Roe D. F., agent for the Life Association of Scotland, and relieving officer and registrar of births and deaths, Cawston road

Russell Mallett, shopkeeper and fishmonger, Red Lion street

Sands Sarah, butcher, Red Lion street

Scott William Henry, solicitor, registrar of the county court, clerk to the Navigation Company, clerk to the trustees of turnpike road and board of guardians

commissioners for income and property taxes, Gas Company, Town Hall Company, burial board, Aylsham union

assessment committee, and assessed tax commissioners for South Erpingham district, deputy coroner for the Duchy of Lancaster, and superintendent registrar, Norwich road

Sexton Joseph, baker, Hungate street

Shreeve Thomas, miller, Bolwick mill

Smith and Co., general manure manufacturers, works, Staith

Smith Lewis H., corrector of weights, Cawston road

Smith Richard, horse dealer, Norwich rd.

Soame Emily, ladies' school, Cromer road

Soame George, Cromer road

Soame John, surveyor, registrar of marriages, White Hart street

Stapleton Christmas, Red Lion, commercial hotel, coach and omnibus proprietor, Red Lion street

**STARLING WILLIAM**, basket maker, ironmonger, and shoe seller, and agent to the General Life and Fire office, Red Lion street

Stearman James, gardener, Cawston road

Stearman Miss Ann, shopkeeper, Red Lion street

Sutton Mrs. Ann, draper, &c., Red Lion street

Tipple George, machine owner, Commercial road

Turner Benjamin, tailor, Hungate street

Ulph Elizabeth, wheelwright, Cross Keys, Red Lion street

Ulph Richard, tailor and draper, Red Lion street

Vince James, masure manufacturer, Millgate

Wade Charles F., watch and clock maker, and gunsmith, Hungate street

Wall Robert, baker, Cawston road

Ward Chas. H., grocer and draper

Ward Edward, gardener, Hungate street

Ward Wm, boot and shoe manufacturer, Red Lion street

Warren Thomas, tea dealer, Market place

Watson John, New inn, Red Lion street

Wells George, Unicorn, Hungate street

White William Frankland, saddler and harness maker, Red Lion street

Williamson Henry, shopkeeper and waiter Red Lion street

Winterborn James, millwright, &c., Cawston road

Wright Henry, collector of taxes, Commercial road

Wright Thomas, Anchor inn, and water bailiff, Millgate

Wright William, farmer and collector of taxes, Commercial road

#### FARMERS.

Bartram Robert, Millgate

Breeze James, Red Lion street

Cass James Lee, Heydon road

Chapman John, Stonegate

Clark John S., Cawston road

Clarke John Wm., Bolwick farm

Frostick J., Buxton road

Greenwood Charles, Burgh road

Grimes James, Millgate street

Lemon William, Red Lion street

Payne Henry Cawston road

Purdy R. J. W., Cromer road

Ray Mr., Wood farm

Soame Henry, Cawston road

Wright Henry, Commercial road

Wright William, Commercial road

#### DIARY DATES

- Feb. 25th. Parish Map meeting: Green Room, Town Hall. 10am.
- March 16th. Joy Lodey: "In and out of the workhouse"  
Friendship Club 7.30pm
- April 12th. Rachel Young: "Family life under the Stuarts. "
- April 22nd. Outing to Burghley House and Stamford.
- June 6th. Guided walk- Wymondham, - 7.15 Market Cross, Wymondham  
names a.s.a.p to Valerie Belton
- July 10th. Guided walk- HUNWORTH 7pm. more details later.