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FUTURE PROGRAMME

(Some dates for your diary)

1. Tuesday - 9th. July. - a visit to Horsham St. Faith's Priory, for those who missed the previous visit. Meet 2pm. outside the parish church, where we will start our tour. Dr. Julian Eve our guide, and if conditions permit we may be able to extend the visit to include a look at the remains of Horsford castle.

2. August - date to be determined - Peter Holman's guided visit to sites of interest in North Norfolk.

3. Thursday - 12th. September - "Early Baptists in Aylsham" a talk by the Rev. B. Allcock. NB This meeting will take place in the Baptist church at 7.30 pm. (Parking available on Bond's car park or on the car park of the Catholic church.)

4. Wednesday - 9th. October. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at the Friendship Club. More details will be circulated later. The business meeting will be followed by an interim report on the progress of the work of the 'Millgate' group.

5. October/November - details still to be arranged - a visit to the exhibition at the Queen's Gallery in London. "Carlton House - Exhibition of King George IV treasures"



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PISTOLS AT DAWN ?

We don't take our politics too seriously, these days. We are more likely to resort to a yawn than to reach for our swords, which is perhaps just as well when we see what excitements were aroused by politics, years ago.

The most famous local monument to such excitements stands on Cawston Heath, near the old Woodrow Inn - a memorial to the duel between Sir Henry Hobart and Oliver Le Neve, in which Hobart died on the point of Le Neve's sword. This was the tragic finale to a political argument in which Hobart accused Le Neve of causing him to lose his parliamentary seat, by spreading false tales of his supposed cowardice in Ireland. Despite Le Neve's vigorous denials, the duel still took place. This all happened in 1698.

Just over 200 years later, another politically inspired duel almost took place involving local politicians. In this incident there was again a member of the local aristocracy, Lord Kimberley, and his opponent was Col. B.B.Sapwell, grandfather to our Dr.Sapwell, the Aylsham historian. It was not parlia-

mentary politics which provoked them, but the more mundane affairs of the Norfolk County Council. At a meeting in the Shirehall in Norwich, tempers flared, and such insults as "cur" and "coward" were exchanged.

This happened in October 1905. The national press got wind of the incident, and although it was hardly the 'silly season' for the press, it was reported with relish for the whole country to read and enjoy. In the Parish archives there is a fading newspaper cutting, from the Daily Mirror, whose reporter, with his tongue stuck firmly in his cheek, gave the following report:-

Yesterday's Daily Mirror had an interview with Mr.Sapwell who was challenged at a meeting of the Norfolk County Council, by Lord Kimberley, to step over to Paris and fight a duel. Mr.Sapwell is a fine, tall, grey-haired man with a black moustache and about sixty years of age. Mr. Sapwell said this was not the first time Lord Kimberley had offered to fight him, though no real ill-feeling, as far as he knew, had ever existed between them.

It was Mr.Sapwell's reference to a previous challenge that raised the noble earl's rage last Saturday.

"After the first challenge, on Saturday", said Mr.Sapwell, "I thought the matter had blown over, and in fact, I have always looked on his lordship's challenge in the light of Opera Bouffe. However, when the meeting was over, I found his lordship waiting in another room for me. He was white with rage, and rushed up to me and challenged me to fight. I said, jokingly, 'certainly let us settle it in an empty room here, with just the chairman to see fair play'. Lord Kimberley rushed up closer still, and insisted that we should go to Paris. I still said 'Let's settle it here' then he thrust his face close to mine, and called me 'cur' and 'coward'. This roused me and I raised my hand to strike him, when he started back, and said, 'don't strike me'. Then our fellow councillors rushed in between usI shall require something to be done in the matter of that insulting remark 'cur and coward', I can't

put up with that, otherwise, I treat the matter as a joke."

A week passed, and then on Saturday the parties met again, for the meeting of the Council Committee at Norwich brought them together. The old-world county town was alive with excitement, and people who saw Mr.Sapwell walk through the main street wondered if he were going to his death.

Soon after 11am, Sir William Ffolkes, the chairman of the County Council, strode into the Royal Hotel, and demanded a private room. Meanwhile, Mr.Sapwell sat in the hall of the hotel and conversed on crops and racehorses (of which he is a noted breeder) whilst Lord Kimberley and his son were closeted in the Smoking Room. Anxious waiters, managers and visitors to the hotel patrolled the corridors to maintain a barrier between the fire-eaters.

Messengers passed between. Mr Sapwell was summoned to a private room. . . .

Working himself up into a literary frenzy, the reporter went straight into top gear, describing house-keepers fainting and waiters trembling, and everyone wondering if it would be pistols for two and coffee for one -

"carrying his life in one hand and his hat in the other, the plucky councillor entered the apartment. . .etc."

Precisely what happened next is not recorded. Presumably compliments were exchanged, instead of bullets. They both emerged, talking about the weather. Sir Willam Ffolkes, by his kindly intervention, had averted a duel that might have ended in death.

The newspaper headline read- Duel stopped at a cost of 5/-. This was the cost of hiring the private room, and both parties reportedly agreed that the cost was excessive 'as there wasn't even a fire in the room'. Even "Punch" managed to get in on the

act, and published the following gem:-

THE BETTER PART

[Concerning the Kimberley-Sapwell duel, proposed and abandoned.]

*"I'll shoot you dead" cried Tweedledee
 "Let's catch the evening boat"
 "No guns" said Tweedledum "for me"
 and shed his little coat.
With rage their little heads were hot,
 'Til peaceful ffolkes said 'Don't'
 "Well, if you think we'd better not"
 They both replied "We won't".*

As a matter of interest, the whole exchange began over procedural wrangling about the Shirehall Extension Committee report. Thank heavens they didn't have the Poll Tax to debate, who knows what might have resulted.

Tom Mollard

COVER ILLUSTRATION Aylsham church taken from the book "Views of the churches in Norfolk, illustrative of Blomefield's history of that county", from original drawings by R.Ladbrooke. Vol 2 1843.

A pleasant illustration, although Ladbrooke didn't always get it right. I am still trying to find what happened to the drawing of Erpingham church - the one portrayed under 'Erpingham' bears no resemblance.

Ed.

AYLSHAM WINDOW TAX

A window Tax was imposed on house occupiers from 1696 onwards to help meet the cost of re-minting the damaged coinage of the realm. It replaced the Hearth Tax which had been levied for some 27 years until its repeal in 1689.

On the face of it, it would seem that it would be a difficult tax to assess and impose, but it continued for 155 years until it was repealed in 1851. Each household paid a basic 2/- and those houses with between 10 and 20 windows paid a further 8/-. There must also have been another scale for 10 windows and under. Further variations in the scale were introduced later, from 1747 onwards.

One document recently examined by the members of the Archives course is headed "Aylsham Window Tax Rate 1739" [NRO MS 3512/405]. This lists the names of Aylsham householders, and the number of windows for which each one was assessed.

This list is of sufficient interest to be worth reproducing on its own. However, looking through the catalogue of our Parish Archives, we can find an entry for "Aylsham Window Tax 1697", which means that we possess the original taxation list compiled immediately following the introduction of the Act in 1696. This provides a splendid opportunity to set out both lists side by side and compare the changes, particularly in family names, over a 42 year interval.

It is of interest, also, that the 1697 document is the original, not a copy! The original of the 1739 list is in the Norfolk Record Office, and we have only a photocopy of it.

Because of its age, the 1697 list is very fragile and badly worn, leaving parts of it illegible. Luckily, it has been transcribed some years ago, presumably during Dr. Sapwell's time, and we can use the transcript. The earlier list also gives slightly more detail. It has a brief introduction, which the later list lacks and it shows the number of windows on which the tax was assessed and the actual amount paid. Both lists are in a rough alphabetical order which I haven't attempted to improve on. The 1697 list is prefaced thus:-

Aylsham Norff.
 1697 Jonathan (Chalker). . . for the said Towne for
 window (tax on) houses pursuant to an Act of
 Parliament . . the 7th yeare of the Reign of. .
 Will^m. the 3rd. for seven years toward. . . ing
 good the coyn of England pd^r comme(ncing) from
 the 25th. March 1697 for one year.

1697 List			1739 List		
Imps.	Joseph Allen	20w	10-0	Amys John	9w.
A	Tho: Allen	10w	6-0	Aggs Phillip	5w
	Charles Allen	10w	6-0	Aggs Robert	9w
B	Miles Bayspool, Gent	20w	10-0	Atthill Mad ^m .	30w
	Tho: Bell	10w	6-0	Bennett John Gent	29w
	Hen. Bateman	10w	6-0	More late Webster	11w
	Tho: Bateman	10w	6-0	Bell Thomas Esq.	29w
	Jno. Berry	20w	10-0	Bell Coulson Gent	18w
	Tho: Boot cottage		2-0	Buddell (?) Thomas	9w
	Richard Boeing		2-0	Bray John	30w
	Tho: Burrowes	20w	10-0	Barnard Thomas	14w
	Nich. Bullard	10w	6-0	Barrett William	13w
C	James Crow		2-0	Breese W ^m .	17w
	Jno. Curties	20w	10-0	Burrows David	9w
	Th. Colson	10w	6-0	Bullbrook Jno.	11w
	Richd. Carr	20w	10-0	Berry Wm.	7w

1697 List			1739 List	
	Wm. Curson	10w 6-0	Beeton John	6w
	Hen. Carr	2-0	Bloom John	5w
	Robt. Curties	20w 10-0	Clarke Francis Gent	30w
	Widd. Coxton cottage	2-0	Curties Widow	19w
	Jonath. Chalker	6-0	Curties John	19w
	Jno. Cammell	2-0	Curson Joseph	15w
D	Tho: Day	10w 6-0	Crumpton Joseph	9w
	Jno. Daniell	10w 6-0	Custans Jonathan	15w
	Jos. Durrill	20w 10-0	Chalker. Widow	19w
	Wd. Durrant	10w 6-0	Coxton Henry	10w
	Francis Doughty	20w 10-0	Coxford Wm. Senr	11w
	Mr. Dey Senr.	10w 6-0	Cook Joseph	9w
F	Robt. Fawcett	20w 10-0	Crogals (?) William	18w
	Richd. Futter	20w 10-0	Coman Wm. (Cowan?)	12w
	Tho: Forster	cottage 2-0	Calthorp Widow	6w
	Tho: Fennkling	cottage 2-0	Clarke Saml.	20w
G	Jno. Griffin	cottage 2-0	Cox George	15w
	Jno. Gammond	20w 10-0	Coxford Wm. Jnr. Poor	6w
	Tho: Green	20w 10-0	Carr Ed.	9w
	Peter Gill	20w 10-0	Dowell Widd.	8w
H	Robt. Hall	20w 10-0	Drake James	26w
	Nicho. Howes	20w 10-0	Dey Edward	9w
	Wd. (H?)agen	20w 10-0	Dix Richd.	6w
	Phillip Hart	20w 10-0	Dix Thomas	19w
	Wm. Hall	10w 6-0	Elden Thos. gent	30w
	Francis Hallibur	cottage 2-0	Ellis Erasmus	19w
	Ww. Hall	2-0	Englewood. Widow Poor	7w
	6-0	Edwards Wm.	19w
L	Thomas L. . .	2-0	Elward Widow	8w
	Robert Lincoln	2-0	Elden Mad ^m .	13w
	Peter Lenk	2-0	Elden late Cubitt, Poor	9w
M	Robt. Madgle	20w 10-0	Forster Widow	29w
	Richd. Mussett	6-0	Francis Thomas	6w
	Richard Mumby	10w 6-0	Fish James	17w
	Gabriell Miller	20w 10-0	Freer (?) Widow	16w
	Robert Moon	10w 6-0	Flegg Thomas	6w
P	Jno. Parker	20w 10-0	Feverall Thos	18w

1697 List				1739 List	
	Tho: Prick	cottage	2-0	Gill Wm.	19w
	Jno. Peascod		2-0	Green late Durrant	7w
	Thomas Pinchen	10w	6-0	Gidney John	6w
	Jno. Playford	10w	6-0	Greenwood Richard	7w
	Sarah Platten	10w	6-0	Green John	19w
	Robt. Peascod	10w	6-0	Glasspoole Thos.	18w
	Wm. Perdy	cottage	2-0	Hillon (?) John	19w
	George Pye		2-0	Hawkins Thos.	9w
	George Powler		2-0	Hook Mad ^m	18w
	Oliver Page	20w	10-0	Harding Joseph	7w
	Jno. Parnell	10w	6-0	Jewell Edmund Gent	30w
R	Widd. Riseborrow	10w	6-0	Ives Clement	19w
	Peter Rolf	20w	10-0	Keymer Wm	19w
	Thomas Rust	20w	10-0	Knights poor	7w
	Edmd. Rust		2-0	Lubbock Thos	7w
	Edmund Rump		2-0	Lemon L...?	11w
	Wm. Randle		2-0	Loveday Joseph	17w
	Robt. Ryall	20w	10-0	Lack Thomas	9w
	Jno. Reeve	20w	10-0	Lockett poor	8w
	Edmund. Rumball	20w	10-0	Lubbock Robt.	19w
	Nicho. Robinson	20w	10-0	Millers (?) Wm.	9w
	Robt. Rump	10w	6-0	Milbone Thos.	5w
	Henry Rippingall, gent	20w	10-0	Mosey F	28w
	James Robinson	cottage	2-0	Murrell Thos.	7w
S	Saml. Soame	20w	10-0	Moon Wm.	17w
	Thomas Searles		2-0	Mallett William	11w
	George Stoaks		6-0	Olley J.	6w
	Widd. Spurrell		2-0	Peterson Robt. Gent.	18w
	Widd. Smith		2-0	Pond Widow	19w
	Jno. Swiflen		2-0	Piggon Edwd.	17w
	Edwd. Silent		2-0	Philippo John	9w
	Edmund Stoaks	10w	6-0	Peterson John	19w
	Wm. Smithson Jnr.		2-0	Pycraft poor	6w
	Wm. Smith		6-0	Power John	4w
	Wm. Smithson Senr.		6-0	Parson Francis	9w
	Thomas Smith	20w	10-0	Puxley poor	7w
T	Robt. Thexton	20w	10-0	Rannells Wm.	17w

1697 List			1739 List	
	Richd. Tennant	20w 10-0	Robins Jacob	19w
	Xtopher Taylor	20w 10-0	Robson Widow empty	19w
	Jno. Tobin	20w 10-0	Rudd Thomas	7w
	Wm. Thompson	6-0	Rust Ed.	7w
	Jno. Terry	2-0	Raimes Thomas	7w
V	Saml. Vidars	2-0	Rump Thos.	13w
W	Jno. Warkhouse Esq.	10-0	Scott Francis	30w
	Thomas Ward	10w 6-0	Searles Thos.	8w
	Mr. Wanly Clerke	10w 6-0	Searles Wm	9w
	Jno. Webster	10w 6-0	Smithson Ralph	19w
	Robt. Watts	10w 6-0	Soame Thomas	21w
	Robt. Woods	10w 6-0	Soame John	30w
	Benjn. Woolsey	20w 10-0	Soame Henry	19w
Y	Jno. Yaxley	cottage 2-0	Spurrell Thos	13w
	Robt. Yaxley	2-0	Spurrell Widow	13w
	Danniele Yaxley	2-0	Spinck John	9w
			Spinck William	9w
	Peter Lawes Clerke	6-0	Smith Thos poor	12w?
	Tho: Thompson	2-0	Smithson Henry	10w
	Mr. Trower	2-0	S....? John	9w
	Ives	10w 6-0	Sexton Thos Gent	18w
	Symon Ollyett Senr.	10-0	Seeley Robert	6w
	Symon Ollyett Jnr.	6-0	Spanton late Carr	17w
		5	Sendall Edwd.	17w
		14-16	Thexton Robt.	29w
		14-12	Thompson Willm.	15w
	The Sumits	34-10-0	Thompson widow empty	9w
Jno. Bonett	10w	6-0	Tomling Francis	16w
		34-16-0	Tompson at Stonegate	
			<u>poor</u>	7w
	Robt. Russell empty	2-0	Tomason John late	
	Jno. Mitchell empty	3-0	Mallett	5w
	Wd. Huggen, Mr. Windhams empty	3-0	Underwood Saml.	18w
	Edmd. Pinchen Globe empty	3-0	Underwood John	9w
	Jno. Bunnett for y ^e K. Head	10-0	Ulph Jonathan	29w
		35-06-	Vout Widow	13w
			Wrench C.	30w
Jonathan Chalker	Coll ^r .			

	1739 List
	Wymark Widow 18w
	Webster Widow 13w
	Wiggett Benjamin 13w
	Whitchingham Robert 6w
	Willey James 7w
	Woolsey Benj. 15w
	Ward John 12w
	Wesson (?) Robert 7w
	Woodhouse John 6w
	Woodhouse Mad ^m . 8w
	Wiley Jas. late Spanton 13w
	Youells widow 18w.

There were 118 houses assessed in 1697 with an increase to 137 by 1739. This fits reasonably closely with the description of Aylsham in Blomefield - "It is a neat little market town of about 120 families" One imagines the population to have been fairly static during this period, with the same families being represented in successive generations. Out of just over 100 family names recorded in the earlier list, only 27 recur in the later list, just 42 years later. What do we deduce from this?

Some names are recognisable and we see them listed elsewhere as part of Aylsham's history. For example:- Edward Dey and Thomas Lack both held the Office of Parish Clerk at different times - Edmund Jewell, John Soame and William Rannells were all churchwardens in their time. There are other similar examples.

Possibly one mystery may have been solved. In the first volume of our 'Journal' [pp252-53] we reproduced an original document along with its transcription. It was a receipt, dated 1680, containing the unusual names of Isaac and Peter UMK. The original was without doubt difficult to decipher, and UMK appeared to be the

only interpretation possible. Could it have been Peter LENK whose surname is much more clearly decipherable in the 1697 list?

A minor mystery still remains. The arithmetic used in the totals at the end of the 1697 list seems a bit difficult to follow, but adding all the separate assessments together, we find that the final total is only 1/- out. I wonder what happened to that extra shilling?

Tom Mollard.

A NOTABLE AYLSHAM FAMILY

Ivan Morris

Here is a quest for a budding historian. In the year of Our Lord 1620, during which the Pilgrim Fathers sailed forth from Plymouth in the Mayflower, one Robert Curteis was appointed Church Warden of St. Michael's church, Aylsham.

So what? - I hear you say - Yes, but 121 years after that, during the reign of George I, in 1741, a John Curties took up the same appointment, and during those 121 years the name occurs on the Roll Board of Churchwardens in the South Chancel aisle no less than 17 times, and all bore the Christian name of Robert, Richard or John - 9, 4 and 4 times respectively. No doubt the same person held the office on more than one occasion, but nevertheless, a truly remarkable record.

There are slight variations in the spelling of the surname - Curteis, Curties, Curtis and even one Curtieis, but I think we can assume they are all one and the same family, especially as their Christian names follow through. But what was this family whose

name figures so prominently on the Roll Board? Where did they come from in 1620, and whence did they go, after 1741?

They must have been people of considerable importance and standing, to have carried such an important appointment (which then carried more authority and respect in the town community than perhaps applies in the present day). Curtis is, I believe, a fairly common East Anglian surname, but only three occur in the current local telephone directory.

No doubt their remains rest at peace within the churchyard, but within the church are two memorial slabs, one in the centre aisle to Richard Curties, who died in 1731 aged 43. He could not have been one of the churchwardens, because the last Richard to hold office did so in 1679. A second slab, sited in the area between the Vestry and the organ, introduces some mystery, for it is to one Thomas Curties, who died in 1760 aged 46. The wall plaque in his memory states that he left a widow and eight children, and neither he nor any of these children became churchwardens, yet he must have been a prominent and respected member of the community and of the church, for the memorial speaks of "his assiduity in Business, affectionate regard to his parents, family and friends, and Truly Religious Life, made his death the concern of all that knew him" - and the memorial records he was a grocer!

Is this a clue to the highly respected position the family occupied in Aylsham's community and in their Parish church?. This is assuming that Thomas, Richard, Robert and John were kith and kin - and what happened to the eight children?

The first book of reference which comes to mind in trying to discover something of the Curtis's is

the recent publication of the Society 'Aylsham in the 17th. century'. Here we find Robert Curtis, the first of the 17 churchwardens, tenanted four acres of arable land in Eastfield, which was the area now occupied roughly by the High School, Sir William's Close and the Manor Esatate. His land was valued at 16 shillings, and he paid $5\frac{3}{4}$ pence rent (per week/month/year ?). In 1641, a document of complaints against their landlord, Sir John Hobart of Blickling, was lodged, and amongs the signatories is a Robert Curtis. He might have been the son of the original Robert, for in 1638, for the second time, a Robert Curtis is appointed churchwarden. Whatever the fate of this family, one thing they demonstrate to us is the continuance of Christian worship in St. Michael's, and the love and concern they must have shown, the problems they must have faced, much as we do now, in the care and maintenance of the building which is our common heritage.

We all occupy a small part of the huge community which, throughout the ages, has worshipped and found fellowship in St. Michael's. And where in the church is the memorial to the Aylsham grocer? - here is a clue, in the manner of a Peter Holman puzzle -

"Just follow the children, it could be noisy!"

THE BOER WAR

The Boer War started on 11th. October 1899. Instantly, national appeals spread across the country, and in Aylsham, within a month, an appeal for money for the troops and their dependants had raised £145-13-10 which was despatched to swell the Mansion House Fund.

The original list of subscribers survives in the Parish Archives, along with the illustrated broadsheet.* 113 names are listed with donations ranging from 1/- to £5. The amount raised, was added to the proceeds of a house-to-house collection from 400 subscribers.

AYLSHAM TRANSVAAL WAR

Desire having been expressed to raise a sum of money by local Subscription, in connection with the Mansion House Fund, for the WIDOWS & ORPHANS, and WIVES & CHILDREN (of men away fighting,) Mr. Dewhirst will be pleased to receive Contributions at the Bank for that purpose.

SOCIETY NEWS

MASTER MASONS AND MEDIEVAL CHURCHES. On Wednesday, 6th. March, the largest audience for quite some time gathered at the Friendship Club to hear Dr. J. Maddison talk on "Master masons and medieval churches". The large audience was there, not simply because the speaker was one of our own members, but in the expectation that we would hear a lively and entertaining talk. We were not disappointed! John Maddison took us through the role of the master mason in medieval times. They were considered by some to be just skilled workers in stone, but not quite architects, however their architectural skills were certainly there, and can be seen around us today in the cathedrals and churches which bear testimony to those skills.

Their greatest works are recorded in these ecclesiastical buildings, but they were equally at home building castles and military fortifications. Military architecture actually brought out their skills more so than ecclesiastical building - they constantly needed to adapt their building techniques to match the improvements in military technology.

The medieval master mason needed more than a knowledge of stone working. He was also responsible for the woodwork and fittings that went into the buildings, and he needed to be an expert in these fields too. The introduction of the use of stained glass in churches also required modifications in building techniques. John Maddison's enthusiasm for his subject made it a most interesting talk, and the excellent slides really brought it all to life.

TWM

FENLAND VISIT - Our first expedition of the year took us for a full day's visit to the Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire fens. It was a lovely sunny day, and even if the wind was a little cool, it was the



FLAG FEN

perfect day to see those wide open spaces. Our main visit was to Flagg Fen, on the outskirts of Peterborough. It was so close to the city that we had to travel through a modern industrial estate which gave no inkling of what lay beyond. Hidden

under the flat fens beyond the estate, we saw the traces of a 1000BC Bronze Age settlement emerging as the surface of the fields are slowly stripped away. So much history has been concentrated there over the years. Above the remains of the Bronze Age settlement, we saw the cleared surface of the Roman road, built 1000 years later. This was the road that stretched for miles across the fens and went deep into Norfolk. This, in its turn, had been cut through another 1,000 years later, by the medieval waterway which is still there to this day.

After lunch, we went to the other extreme; out of the bleak and empty fens, right into the centre of Peterborough to visit the magnificent cathedral. The present building was started just about the time that Norwich Cathedral was nearing completion, although there had been earlier churches on the same site long before Norwich was started. Like Norwich, it was once the Priory church of the Benedictine monks, and survived the Reformation to become the cathedral church of the newly formed diocese.



On our way home, we made our final visit, to another great abbey church, just over the border into

CROYLAND ABBEY



Lincolnshire. This was Crowland abbey which had clearly been a splendid building, but it had not been as fortunate as Peterborough. At the dissolution, the eastern part had been pulled down along with the monastic buildings, and to add insult to injury, the nave and south aisle had been destroyed during one of Cromwell's

bombardments. This has left today's parishioners with just the remains of the north aisle for their parish church.

It was a very enjoyable day. We had a full bus-load, although it wasn't a particularly big bus. That, probably, is how we managed to stop at the 'Little Chef', en route, for a welcome cup of coffee, without breaking the "no coaches" rule. I think they were glad to see us anyway - there was nobody else there!

NORFOLK PARKS AND GARDENS - In April, Dr. Tom Williamson drew a large audience composed of members of our Society and members of the Aylsham & District Gardening Club. Members of the Norwich branch of the Historical Association had also been invited. Despite the miserable weather, we were all rewarded by a lively illustrated talk on the history and development of Norfolk parks and gardens.

It was an account of the work done by the Centre of East Anglian Studies on the Norfolk Historic Gardens Survey carried out during 1988-9. It ranged from the

vast landscapes like Holkham and Houghton to the small, more intimate gardens around the minor manor houses of Norfolk. The survey team had examined the changes that had taken place from the 16th to the late 19th century, and more particularly, the reasons that had led to those changes.

All sources had been used to explore the subject - documentary, pictorial and archaeological records were exploited. Tom Williams made it clear from the start that he was no gardener, but he had clearly mastered the subject of the historical development of gardens, and he delivered his talk in a most entertaining style. Our enjoyment might have been even greater if the slide presentation had been as good as the talk.

TWM

WEST NORFOLK AND KING'S LYNN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Four of us (Valerie Belton, Annie Alston, Wendy MacGregor and I) attended a Day Conference of this Society in March, about recent or current research in archaeology in West Norfolk. Somehow, it fell to my lot to write an account of the day, for the editor of our Newsletter. My problem was that the blackout in the hall was total, and I could not see to make detailed notes about material which I was not readily familiar with! Valerie has kindly made available the notes she was able to make, and the following is a brief account of the four papers that were given:-

1. Dr. Wymer - until recently Field Officer with the Norfolk Archaeological Unit responsible for Prehistory-spoke about new evidence from Palaeolithic and Mesolithic sites in Norfolk. What came through to me from this was that in very early times, when the British Isles were still joined to the continent, there is evidence of a 'Midland River' running south from the Trent to the neighbourhood of Bury St. Edmunds, thence connecting with the Thames. The Thames was later pushed south by ice into its present position. We heard also

of a Mesolithic site discovered at Kelling Heath.

2. David Gurney - Field Officer with the Norfolk Archaeological Unit, - spoke about Roman finds in Norfolk, eg. fieldwork has taken place at a site near Attlebridge, there is evidence of Iron Age and early Roman finds at Beckford, and pottery, coins and brooches have been found near the Snettisham by-pass, suggesting quite a dense population. In the first and second centuries AD, Brampton pottery dominated in Norfolk. Later on the Nar Valley took over. Hoards of coins (perhaps connected with Boudicca's rebellion) have been found at March.

3. Andrew Rogerson - Field Officer also with the NAU - spoke about Saxon and Medieval sites. We learned that the excavations at Spong Hill cemetery (5th. - 6th. century AD) was the only Saxon one to be fully excavated. Anglo-Saxon metal work has been found near Oxborough. There have been four timber buildings of the late Saxon period found near Attlebridge, and he described Thetford as a late saxon town. He ended by showing some slides of some very beautiful enamelled brooches.

4. Brian Ayers - of Castle Mall fame - was our last speaker. By this time we were running late, but he gave a masterful, racy and at times amusing account of the excavations in the centre of Norwich, some of which was familiar, but worth hearing again in greater detail.

I have not really done justice to the four accounts of recent research, which were scholarly and well delivered. We enjoyed our day out, and at least know now where to go to see and hear more of these periods of pre- and early history.

Jane Nolan

JOHN VICARY - We are delighted to acknowledge a gift to our Society from Mr. John Vicary, of a slide projection screen (4' x 4') which will be of great use to us.

SUBSCRIPTIONS - Please note that annual subscriptions become payable each October at the AGM. If anyone has not yet paid for the current year, it would be a great help if this could be done before the next AGM - to Maureen Strong, please.

CENTRE OF EAST ANGLIAN STUDIES - Every year, the Centre which is part of the University of East Anglia, arranges events for its Associate Members. These usually take the form of a Day School, or a day-long visit to a place or places of interest. In addition to being interesting in content, they are enjoyable in that they bring together like-minded people, and offer opportunities to talk with staff as well as other Associate Members.

On March 2nd, I attended this year's Associate Members Day School. The programme was entitled 'Popular Culture in Early Modern East Anglia'.

The first lecture had had to be arranged at short notice, because of illness, but for me it was the best part of the day. It was given by Gabrielle Hatfield, and was entitled 'Warts and all' - aspects of popular medicine in East Anglia. A botanist by training, she is practising a form of oral history, in that she is gathering from older country people their recollection of the plants and herbs grown or gathered for their healing properties. Sometimes these were similar to the herbalists, such as Gerard, but often not. For example, we learnt that an infusion of comfrey leaves was good for bad throats, that Angelica (I forget how this was administered) was an effective treatment for piles; that the juice of houseleeks cured boils and eczema, and the greater Celandine was effect-

ive with warts! This was an excellent lecture, given without notes, and accompanied by good slides of well-known plants and herbs.

Our next lecture was by Timothy Easton on The Magic Protection of Houses. It is quite a well-known fact that when old fireplaces are being dismantled or repaired, shoes and other objects are frequently found lodged in the chimney piece. Mr. Easton has made a study of such finds, and showed a series of slides of chimney pieces and the objects placed there. Apparently it was believed that these objects provided spiritual protection for the house.

After lunch, we had an excellent lecture from Dr. Paul Cattermole on 'Bells and bell-ringing in Norfolk'. Few people could know less than I do about bell-ringing, and I learned a lot about its basic features and its history from the drawings and slides we were shown. I was reminded of the reference found in a will which the 'Millgate' group was studying recently: Thomas Spurrell, Miller in Aylsham, died in 1772, and asked that - "on the day of my burial, the bells may chime in the manner as they did for the burial of Mr. Edward Jewell lately, and that the Aylsham ringers, ring the Bumbled peal"

We were uncertain as to what this meant, and inclined to conclude that it meant a muffled peal. However, after referring to the Shorter English Dictionary, it seems more likely to mean a buzz or hum, - 'a loud deep resonant sound as a cannon or large bell.'

Finally, Dr. Victor Morgan, familiar to some of us in Aylsham, gave a talk on Mayor making in Early Modern Norwich. This was a survey of the history and development of the mayor-making ceremony out of a number of medieval elements, including the Feast Day of the Guild of St. George, against the background of the coming of the Strangers, and the growth of the rural population which expanded into the city.

Jane Nolan

AYLSHAM IN 1883

The next date in our series of county directory entries is 1883. This year, noteworthy as the year of birth of the famous Norfolk writer, R.H. Mottram, was also noteworthy as a year when two county directories were published - one by Kelly and the other by White. It seems remarkable that today, we are unable to produce a single county directory, yet over 100 years ago we had a choice of two. This entry is from White's directory. One of the problems with these more recent directories is that they became larger in size. As a result, we need to print it sideways to fit our pages.

AYLSHAM is a well-built market town, pleasantly seated on the southern acclivity of the vale of the Bure, and on the East Norfolk extension of the Great Eastern Railway, nearly 12 miles N. by W. of Norwich, 10 miles S. by W. of Cromer, 7 miles W.S.W. of North Walsham, and 120 miles N.E. by N. of London. It is head of a poor law union and a county court district; it is a polling place for North Norfolk, and is in South Erpingham hundred and petty sessional division, Norwich bankruptcy district, Ingworth rural deanery and Norfolk archdeaconry. The parish of Aylsham, including many scattered houses and villas, and the hamlets of Dunkirk and Drablegate, on the opposite side of the river, increased its population from 1667 in the year 1801 to 2674 in 1881, and comprises 4308A. 2R. 4P., of which 100A. are woods and plantations. The rateable value is £11,635. The soil is generally fertile, and most of it is arable. The parish is in four manors, viz. Aylsham Lancaster, held by the Marquis of Lothian, Aylsham Wood or Saxtons, of which Thomas Copeman, Esq., is lord, Aylsham Vicarage, of which the Vicar is lord, and Bolwick Hall, of which Mrs. Calvert is lady. The first three are subject to fines certain, but the last is held by copy of court roll of Aylsham Lancaster, and subject to fines arbitrary. R. J. W. Purdy, Esq., C. L. Duxton, Esq., Col. S. Clitheroe, Mrs. Wickes, Mrs. Clover, B. B. Sapwell, Esq., Rev. A. Kackham, and others have estates in the parish. Here are many large and handsome houses, among which may be mentioned Bolwick Hall, 1½ miles S.W., Bushy, on the Cromer Road, Woodgate and Sankene, on the Cawston Road, the Delt, &c. The town has been greatly improved during the last forty years, and is often called the 'garden of Norfolk,' from its picturesque appearance and the number of gardens and trees in its vicinity. It has a

fine open market place, in which are the Bank, the new Town Hall, the Black Boys' Hotel, and a number of handsome houses and shops. The streets and most of the houses and shops are now well lighted with gas from works in Millgate, erected in 1849 at a cost of £1500, raised in £10 shares. Consumers are charged at the rate of 5s. per 1000 cubic feet. Mr. W. Mileham is clerk to the company. At the Norman Conquest the manor extended into Tuttington, and had 18 carucates, 20 villeins, and 28 borders, with woods sufficient for the maintenance of 400 swine. During the reigns of Edward I. and III. Aylsham was the chief town in this part of the kingdom for the manufacture of linen, then called 'Aylsham Webbs,' 'Cloth of Aylsham,' &c.; but in succeeding reigns this branch of business was superseded by the woollen manufacture; and in the time of James I. the inhabitants were chiefly employed in knitting worsted stockings, breeches, and waistcoat pieces. Since the introduction of frame-work knitting, the latter trade has also been discontinued. The town was formerly governed by a bailiff, and had a weekly market on Saturday, but this has been changed to Tuesday. Two cattle fairs are held annually on March 23 and the last Tuesday in September. May 29 is a general holiday here, and is called the Club anniversary, as all the clubs walk in procession on that day. The Bure, which washes the foot of the town, was formerly only navigable from Yarmouth to Coltishall (11 miles below Aylsham Bridge by the water, and 7 by land); but in 1773 an Act was obtained for extending the navigation to Aylsham for boats of 14 tons burden, drawing two feet five inches water, which was completed, after many difficulties and interruptions, in October 1779, at an expense of upwards of £8000, including the cost of the basin and wharves near the bridge, where much business is done in coal, corn, timber, &c. The Town Hall is a commodious building of red brick, erected in 1857, at a cost of £2100, raised in £10 shares. The large room is 60 feet by 30, and is used for balls, concerts, and public meetings, and magisterial and county court sittings. One of the rooms is well supplied with all the principal newspapers and periodicals; and here is a library of 800 volumes, belonging to the Literary Institution, which numbers about 180 members. C. R. Dewhirst, Esq., is president, and Mr. H. G. Wright, secretary. PERRY SESSIONS are held at the Town Hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month for South Erpingham district (see page 34). The magistrates usually attending are the Rev. H. P. Marsham, M.A., C. L. Buxton, Esq., Rev. E. Telfer Yates, M.A., R. Rogers, Esq., Rev. R. W. Beauchamp, M.A., Joseph Marsham, Esq., and R. Ives, Esq. William Forster, Esq., is their clerk. The Police Station, on the Blickling Road, is a neat brick building, with superintendent's residence and cells. The County Court is held monthly at the Town Hall for the parishes comprised in Aylsham district (see page 40). E. Plumer Price, Esq., Q.C., is Judge; J. B. T. Hales, Esq., registrar and acting high-bailiff, and Mr. Samuel Maidstone, assistant-bailiff.

The CHURCH (St. Michael) is a handsome structure of Decorated architecture, with Perpendicular insertions, situated near the summit of an abrupt acclivity, on the north side of the Market Place, commanding

an extensive and picturesque view of the surrounding country. It has a nave, with aisles and clerestory, two transepts (or rather chantry chapels), chancel with aisles, and a lofty square tower surmounted by a small spire, and containing a clock with quarter chimes and a peal of ten bells. John of Gaunt, whose Duchy Court was once held here, is said to have built the chancel, nave, and south transept. A fine-toned organ was given by Rev. E. T. Yates, a former vicar, who also contributed largely to the restoration of the Church in 1853. The font is octagonal, and on the bowl carvings of the four Evangelists, alternately with a crucifix and the instruments of the Passion. On the shaft the arms of John of Gaunt, and three other shields of arms, representing the Bouchier, Morley and another family. The north transept was called the chapel of St. Peter, and had a guild in 1490; the south transept was the chapel of St. Mary, and retains its piscina; the south chancel aisle was dedicated to St. Thomas. The lower part of the ancient rood screen still remains, on the panels of which are sixteen painted figures, some in good preservation. The reredos is chiefly constructed of portions of the old screen and of carvings from other parts of the church. The large east window and one on the south side of the chancel were filled with stained glass in 1842-3; since then many other windows have been stained. The pulpit is a fine specimen of oak carving in the Jacobean style. The chancel stalls have figures of the twelve Apostles for poppies. In the church are numerous monumental slabs and tablets, some inlaid with brass; among them is one to Richard Howard, who built the porch about the year 1480; and another to Thomas Wynner, who is represented in his winding-sheet, and who caused the screens and roof to be beautifully painted with saints, martyrs, &c., in 1607. Here is a monument to Bishop Jigon, who died in 1617; and in 1841 a neat monument was erected in memory of a former vicar, the Rev. Philip Hunt, LL.D., who died in 1838. In the churchyard, enclosed with iron rails, and planted with roses, heart's ease, &c., is the grave of Humphrey Raption, the celebrated landscape gardener, who died in 1818. The benefice is a vicarage valued in K.B. at £17 9s. 7d., endowed with the rectorial tithes of a portion of the parish, together with a small manor attached. The rectorial great tithes belong to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The advowson of the vicarage belongs to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, and is now held by the Rev. Chas. Haughton Aitkens, M.A., who has a yearly rent-charge of £885, awarded in lieu of tithes in 1838, when the rectorial tithes were commuted for £716 per annum. The vicarage house is a good brick residence, erected in 1701, and repaired by the present vicar. The Baptist, Wesleyan, and Primitive Methodists have each a chapel here. A new Cemetery, comprising 2 acres, about a quarter of a mile from the town, was formed in 1855, at a cost of £600. Part of it is consecrated, and the remainder is for the use of dissenters. The Free School, near the churchyard, was founded in 1517, by Robert Jannys, who endowed it with £10 a year, now paid by the Norwich Charity Trustees out of the revenues of the Great Hospital. It was originally intended for seven free scholars, but has for many years been conducted on the National system; and a new school was built in 1848, at a cost of £700, on a piece of land granted by the trustees. There are now about 340 scholars, and in addition to the small weekly payments of the children, the master has the annuity of £10, and a yearly salary raised by voluntary subscription. Archbishop Parker founded two scholarships in Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, for boys from

this and Wymondham School, 'each to have 12d. a week for their commons; their chamberer, barber, larder, and other necessities free.' A Literary Society has been formed here, which has 157 members. Mr. Devhirst, is president, and Mr. H. G. Wright, hon. sec. The Savings Bank, established in 1818, has deposits amounting to about £23,000, belonging to 750 individuals, and 13 Friendly and 13 Charitable Societies. Mr. George Bower is the actuary, and the bank is open every Monday from 12 to 1 o'clock. At the Black Boys' Inn is a large assembly room. The C. Company of the 3rd Norfolk Rifle Volunteers was formed in 1859, and numbers 60 men. Major Archdale (late 85th), is captain; C. R. Devhirst, Esq. and B. B. Sapwell, Esq., lieutenants; and Geo. Bird, drill sergeant.

Half an acre, called the Town Meadow, belongs to the poor, and is let for 16s. a year. They have also several cottages, given by Simon Porter, in 1730; the lord of the manor, in 1738; and Edward Snelling, in 1737; and 10s. 6d. yearly, called Bread Money, paid by R. Marsham, Esq. In the reign of James I. Thos. Cressey left two houses and 2a. of land in Millgate street, for the poor. These premises, with additional buildings, were afterwards converted into a Workhouse and were used for that purpose till the formation of the Union in 1836. They now produce a rental of about £30 a year, which is situated about half a mile south of the poor at Christmas. Aylsham was once noted for its Spa, which is situated about half a mile south of the town, and now belongs to Mr. E. Elvin. This chalybeate spring, though now but little used, was formerly much resorted to by invalids afflicted with asthma and other chronic diseases. In 1805, an earthen pot, containing 500 pieces of ancient silver coin, chiefly groats of Henry VII., and pennies of the Edwards, was ploughed up in a field near Aylsham. On Stow Heath, about two miles to the east, are several large tumuli or barrows, in which two urns, containing human bones and ashes, were found in 1808.

AYLSHAM UNION comprises 35 parishes in South Erpingham, and 11 parishes in Eynsford hundred. These 46 parishes comprise an area of 68,123 acres, or 106 square miles; and in 1881 had 18,056 inhabitants. Their average annual expenditure, during the three years preceding the formation of the Union, was £20,391, but in 1885 it was only £9652, and is at present about £11,000 a year. The Union Workhouse is on the Cavston Road, and was built in 1849, at a cost of £12,000, in lieu of the two old Houses of Industry at Buxton and Oulton. It is a neat brick building, with about 13 acres of land attached, and has accommodation for 610 inmates, but has rarely more than 150. Henry J. Gidney, Esq., of Aylsham, is union clerk and superintendent registrar; Mr. R. Proudfoot is registrar, and Mr. C. Clements, deputy-registrar of marriages. Messrs. F. Roe, of Aylsham, and Alfred W. Seeley, of Reepham, are the relieving officers, vaccination officers, and registrars of births and deaths—the former for Buxton district, and the latter for Eynsford district; Mr. C. P. Scott Wayman, of Foulsham, public vaccinator for the third district. Messrs. R. K. Morton and F. Little, of Aylsham, E. V. Perry and E. Reeve, of Reepham, H. Taylor, of Colishall, T. Damant, of Foulsham, S. J. Barton, of Aldborough, are the union surgeons, and F. Bareman, M.D., of Norwich, medical officer of health for the Aylsham Union Sanitary Authority. The Rev. S. M. Shephard,

B.A., of Eppingham, is chaplain; Mr. Lancelot Collins and Mrs. Jane Collins master and matron; Mr. L. L. Todhunter and Miss Hannah Howlett school teachers.

The following enumeration of the parishes in the Union shows their territorial extent, their population in 1881, and present rateable value:—

Parish	Acres	Population	Rateable value	Parish	Acres	Population	Rateable value
Eppingham							
Thurning	1,684	171	£ 1,902	Ingworth	512	144	£ 971
Hindolveston	2,490	631	3,815	Eppingham	1,381	362	2,603
Wood Norton	1,726	284	2,447	Thwaite	676	138	1,018
Foulsham	3,226	950	5,668	Alby	811	256	1,446
Themelthorpe	652	72	876	Colby	1,115	241	1,886
Guestwick	1,646	183	2,184	Banningham	920	203	1,071
Wood Dalling	2,444	484	3,427	Aylsham (W.)	4,208	2,674	11,645
Hackford-by-Reepham	754	803	3,005	Tutington	830	198	1,473
Whitwell	1,514	426	2,792	Skeyton	1,264	313	1,944
Reepham-	570	527	4,441	Swanton Abbott	1,130	504	1,958
with-Kerliston	1,680			Scottow	2,120	430	3,886
Sall	1,802	194	2,797	Coltishall	1,180	952	3,721
Cawston	4,296	1,093	5,359	Belaugh	854	139	1,165
Heydon	1,942	217	1,965	Great Hautbois	610	190	1,168
Corpusy	1,018	379	1,425	Lammas	829	250	607
Saxthorpe	2,113	331	2,344	Little Hautbois			
Irringham	714	5	798	Buxton	1,274	556	2,834
Oulton	1,849	379	2,190	Ornead	674	75	1,055
Iteringham	1,442	319	1,856	Burgh	789	219	1,446
Manningham	548	564	572	Brampton	521	182	990
Little Barningham	1,224	203	1,254	Marsham	1,819	554	2,361
Wickmere	1,697	243	1,646	Hovingham	2,855	764	3,452
Wolterton		47	1,134	Stratton Strawless	1,382	186	1,634
Calthorpe	1,048	204	1,653	Total	47,853		
Blickling	2,123	311	2,635				

POST, MONEY ORDER, and TELEGRAPH OFFICE and SAVINGS BANK at Mr. C. Clement's, Market Place. Mails arrive from Norwich at 5.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., and are despatched at 12.30, 5, and 8 p.m.; Sundays arrive at 5.30 a.m., and despatch at 5 p.m. Wall Letter Box at Millgate, cleared at 6 a.m. and 7.45 p.m.

Abbott Alfred, baker and confectioner, White Hart street
 Aikens Rev. C. H., M.A., vicar, The Vicarage
 Allen Thomas Parsons, tanner, Dunkirk
 Ashby James, shopkeeper, Cawston road
 Atkinson John, beerhouse, Dunkirk
 Attwell James, wholesale boot and shoe mfr. Hungate st
 Ayton Mrs Harriet, milliner & dressmaker, Market place
 Beck Misses Fanny & Lucy, Church terrace
 Barker Thomas Sidney, veterinary surgeon, White Hart st
 Bartram Robert, stone and marble mason, builder and contractor, Millgate
 Beck Mark, blacksmith and machinist, Burgh road
 Berfield Richard, grocer and provision dlr. Red Lion st
 Bird Mrs Elizabeth, beerhouse, White Hart street
 Bird George, drill sergeant, Cawston road
 Blackburn Mrs Matilda, farmer, Burgh road
 Blythe Miss Emily, Church hill
 Bower George, actuary Savings Bank, Market place
 Brady & Pert, plumbers and painters, Church hill
 Brady Henry (B. & Pert), Church hill
 Breese James, tailor, draper and farmer, Red Lion street
 Bruce William, accountant, agent for the Heydon, & Bagshaw's manures, and insurance agent, Drabblegate
 Bullock Mrs Caroline, Cawston road
 Bullock Bros. millers, maltsters, corn, cake, seed, & timber merchants, and agents for Proutie's manures, Millgate
 Bullock John Thornton, (Bros.); h Millgate
 Bullock Robert, vict. Stone Masons' Arms, and harness maker, Millgate
 Bullock Stanley (Bros.); h Millgate
 Burrell Lucy, vict. Cross Keys, Red Lion street
 Burrows Miss Elizabeth, St. Michael's villas, Cawston rd
 Burton William, White Hart street
 Butters Joseph G. E. stationmaster, Station road

Buxton Charles Louis, Esq. J. P. Bolwick hall
 Culver Miss Rebecca, National infants schoolmistress
 Culver William, timber merchant, farmer and wherry owner, Cawston road
 Carr Miss, Market place
 Cuss James, farmer, Valley farm, Heydon road
 Cemetery, Norwich road, H. J. Gidney, Esq. clerk to Burial Board; S. Mildstone, sexton
 Chambers Jonathan, superintendent of police, Bickling rd
 Chapman Misses, dressmakers, Church hill
 Churchman Thomas, manager, Coffee Tavern, Red Lion st
 Clark Mrs Margaret, Commercial road
 Clarke John, manager, Gas Works, Millgate
 Clements Charles, bookseller, stationer, printer, bookbinder, newsagent, dealer in toys, fishing tackle, and fancy goods, and postmaster and stamp distributor, Market place; and at *North Walsham*
 Clover Miss Mary, Market place
 Coffee Tavern, Red Lion street; J. Churchman, manager
 Coleby Miss Martha, White Hart street
 Collier & Sons, coal merchants, Station road, and *Norwich*.
 S. Nott, manager
 Connold Misses, Ladies' day school, Woodbine villa, Cromer road
 Collins Lancelot & Mrs Jane, master and matron, Union Workhouse, Cawston road
 Cook Benjamin, corn, cake, seed and manure merchant, Dunkirk; and *Blickling and Itteringham*
 Cook Miss Ellen, Church terrace
 Cooke John Hannant, beerhouse, Hungate street
 Cooper William, brewer and beerhouse, White Hart st
 Copeman Miss, Bickling road
 Crossland Rev. Wm. curate, St. Michael's villas, Cawston rd

Culley Frederick, builder and contractor, Cawston road
 Dale Mrs Deborah, hairdresser, bird preserver, newsagent, tobacconist, and fancy dealer, Red Lion street
 Davidson James, miller and baker, Butt Land's lane
 Dent Mr Robert, Sunken lodge, Cawston road
 Dewhurst Charles Roger, bank manager and insurance agent, Market place
 Ducker Samuel, wheelwright and cart bldr. White Hart st
 Durrell Walter, currier and leather dresser, Penfold st
 Durrell Walter, beerhouse, Cawston road
 Edwards Mrs John, glass, china & earthenware. dir. Market pl
 England Wallace William, draper, milliner, grocer and provision dealer, Red Lion street
 Finch Walter Juan, photographer & tobacconist, Red Lion st
Fire Engine House, Cawston road
 Fisher John Hunt, inland revenue officer, Cromer road
 Fitt Edward, greengrocer, Red Lion street
 Fitt G. R. milliner and draper, Red Lion street
 Foggon Rev. James (Prim. Meth.) Millgate
 Forster William, solicitor and clerk to the magistrates, Market place; h Bickling lodge
 Fox Thomas, gold and silver smith, watchmaker, and optician, Red Lion street
 Frankland Richd. ironmng. tinner, & brazier, Hungate st
 Frostick John, farmer, Sprats green
 Fuller Clarke Alfred, baker, Church hill
Gas Works, Millgate. Mr. W. H. Mileham sec; John Clarke, supt.; H. Kent, manager
 Gay James, Esq. J.P. Manor house, Bickling road
 George Edward Robert, chemist and druggist, Market pl
 Gibson Joseph John, bootmaker, tailor, and outfitter, Station road; and *Riepham* and *Holt*
 Gidney Hy. Jas. wlr.; clerk to the Board of Guardians; supt. rag.; clerk to the Burial Board, Insps. of Lighting & Watching; Hevingham & Felmingham U.D. School Boards; Station road
 Gilbert Mrs Clement, Orchard house, Station road
 Goulding Miss, Natl. schoolmistress, Market place
 Goodwins Mrs Elizabeth, shopkeeper, Cawston road
 Goodwin John, farmer and victualler, Star, Red Lion st
 Goodwin Robert, porkbutcher, White Hart street
 Gutterston Thomas, wheelwright & blacksmith, Church hill
 Goulder Mrs Frances, Church hill
 Goulder John, farmer, Cromer road
 Gray Edward, bootmaker, Millgate
 Greengrass Mrs F. ladies' day school, The Limes, Burgh rd
 Grimes James, butcher, Millgate
 Grimson William, joiner and carpenter, Hungate street
 Gunton Miss, Cromer road
 Gunton George, farmer, *Wickmere*, White Hart street
 Gurney & Co. bankers (draw on Barclay, Bevan & Co.), Market place; C. R. Dewhurst, manager
 Hall Charles, foreman, Millgate
 Hall John, shopkeeper, Penfold street
 Hatcher Mrs Jane, dressmaker, Red Lion street
 Hatcher Samuel, tea dealer, Red Lion street
 Hill Thomas, National schoolmaster, School House lane
 Horne Rev. J. B. St. Michael's villas, Cawston road
 Horstead John Maystone, builder and bricklayer, Hungate street; and brickmaker, *Barningham*
 Howe Thomas, baker and corn chandler, Hungate street
 Howlett Miss Hannah, schoolmistress, Union Workhouse, Cawston road
 Howlett Robert, solicitor's clerk, and clerk to the Wickmere School Board, Bank street
 Hubbard Stephen, painter, paperhanger, plumber, glazier and gasfitter, Red Lion street
 Ingate, Lewis & Son, carriage builders, Cromer road
 Ingate Lewis (Lewis & Son); h Cromer road
 Ingate Lewis, jun. (Lewis & Son); h Oak cot, Cromer rd
Inland Revenue Office, Black Boys hotel, Market place
 Jarvis James, bootmaker, Hungate street
 Jarvis Robert, bootmaker, White Hart street
 Jay William, victualler, New Inn, Red Lion street

Jeffries Rev. Thomas Bealey (Wesleyan), Burgh road
 Jex George, marine store dealer and shopkpr. Hungate st
 Jodrell Misses, Commercial road
 Kidd Miss, Burgh road
 Laxen Mrs A. saddler & harness mkr. Market pl. & Heydon
 Laxen Horace, baker and confectioner, Red Lion street
 Lemon William, auctioneer, valuer, estate agent, Red Lion street, and farmer, Stonegate farm
Literary Institution, Market pl.; Mr H. G. Wright, sec
 Little Frederick, M.R.C.S. Maner house, Station road
 Love Frederick, general and furnishing ironmonger, oil and colourman, copper, iron, and tin plate worker, and agricultural implement agent, Market place
 Mack Hugh Paston, farmer, Wood farm, Drabblegate
 Maidstone Samuel, parish clerk and sexton, bill-poster, and town crier and hall keeper, Market place
 Mann Mrs Jane, lodgings and shopkeeper, Market place
 March John, grocer and draper, Cromer road
 Martin John, blacksmith, Drabblegate
 Maude Major, chemists' manager, Red Lion street
 Mayes Francis, carter, Penfold street
 Medler Robert, butcher, Hungate street
 Middleton John, grocer, baker, and draper, Millgate
 Milham Walter, deputy supt. registrar, solicitors' clerk, sec. to Aylsham Gas & Town Hall Cos. Lim. assessor & collector of taxes, local newspaper correspondent, insurance agent, Red Lion street
 Miller Henry, bootmaker, White Hart street
 Miller Thomas, bootmaker, Market place
 Morton Mrs Mary Ann, porkbutcher, Hungate street
 Morton Richard John, M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A. Market place
 Morton Richard Kay, M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A., and medical officer 6th dist. Aylsham Union, and for the Union Workhouse, Bushy.
 Mott Miss Lucy, Bickling road
 Needham Walter, umbrella maker, White Hart street
 Newstead John, gardener, Millgate

Newton Thomas, bootmaker, Market place
 Nicholls Arthur, shopkpr. saddler, & harness mkr. Millgate
 Nicholls John, butcher and vict. White Horse, Millgate
 Nicholls John, gardener and furniture dealer, Town lane
 Nott Samuel, manager, Station road
 Nuthall Edwin, pharmaceutical chemist, Red Lion street, and Norwich
 Newdigate Col. (C.B.), Norwich road
 Ollett Alfred, gardener and grocer, Millgate
 Overton Mrs Elizabeth, shopkeeper, White Hart street
 Page Henry, family grocer, wine, spirit and ale merchant, tailor and draper, Market place
 Partridge Daniel, butcher, Red Lion street
 Partridge Miss Louisa, Heydon road
 Payne William, tobacconist, Red Lion street
 Pennell Mrs Sarah, Commercial road
 Pert William, painter, &c. (Brady & P.), Church hill
 Pettinger Rev. James (Wesleyan Reform), Millgate
Police Station, Bickling road; J. Chambers, supt
 Poll Henry, farmer, Cavston road
 Poll William, victualler, Bull Inn, Red Lion street
 Porrett George Rose, cattle dealer, Petersons lane
Post Office, Market place; C. Clements, postmaster
 Prangley Thomas, M.R.C.S., L.S.A. Heydon road
 Proudfoot Robt. assist. overseer & rate collect. & regt. of marriages, Red Lion st
 Purly Robert James Woods, farmer, Cavston road
 Rackham Miss Mary H. Burgh road
 Rawlinson Mrs. Bickling road
 Read Thomas, victualler, Anchor, Millgate
 Reeves Miss, St. Michael's villas, Cavston road
 Riches Mrs Susan, shopkpr. & clothes dealer, Red Lion st
 Ripper George, painter, Cavston road
 Robinson Mrs Ann, Hungate street
 Roe Frederic, registrar of births & deaths & relieving officer for Buxton dist. Aylsham Union, Red Lion street
 Sands James D. butcher, Red Lion street

Sapwell Mr Benjamin Beckham, Sankence, Cavston road
 Saunders Mrs. Hungate street
Savings Bank, Market place; G. Bower, actuary
 Shaw Mrs Jane, Church terrace
 Shreeve Thomas, corn, cake, coal, herring, scale, salt, flour
 and pollard merchant, Station road, and Marsham and
 Cavston; h Buxton road
 Shuckburgh Miss, Beech grove
 Smith Edward, carpenter, Millgate
 Smith Jas. H. conndl. day & brdg. schl. Commercial rd
 Smith Mrs Blanche, Market place
 Smith Mrs Honoria, White Hart street
 Smith Mr Lewis Hiram, West End lodge, Bickling road
 Smith Richard, horse dealer, Bickling road
 Soame Miss Emily, ladies' day & boarding schl. Cromer rd
 Soame John, farmer, Sprit's green
 Soame Mrs Maria, farmer, Cavston road
 Soame William, blacksmith, Cavston road
 Spink William, fishmonger and greengrocer, Hungate st
Stamp Office, Market place; C. Clements, distributor
 Stapleton Christmas, victualler, Black Boys, commercial &
 posting house, Market place
 Starling Wm. basket mkr. ironmgr. & boot wares. Red Lion st
 Starters Mrs Harriet Elizabeth, School House lane
 Stearman Miss Ann, shopkeeper, Red Lion street
 Stearman Frederick, tailor, Hungate street
 Stevens Samuel, thrashing machine owner, Commercial rd
 Sutton Mrs Susannah, outfitter, Red Lion street
 Thirkettle Joseph, foreman, Dunkirk

Thompson Miss Mary Ann, dressmaker, Penfold street
 Todhunter L. L. schlmstr. Union Workhouse, Cavston rd
Town Hall, Market place; S. Maidstone, hall keeper
 Tuddenham Robert, builder and contractor, cabinet maker
 and upholsterer, Burgh road
 Ulph Richard, tailor, Red Lion street
Union Workhouse, Cavston road; L. & Mrs J. Collins,
 master and matron
 Vince James, artificial manure manfr. and merr. Dunkirk
 Wade Chas. Freck. watchmaker & gunsmith, Hungate st
 Wall Mrs. shopkeeper, Hungate street
 Walpole Miss Emily Jane, White Hart street
 Ward Charles Harvey, grocer, draper, wine, spirit and
 ale merchant, Market place
 Warnes Rev. Mark (Primitive Methodist), Hungate st
 Whaley Walter, victualler, Unicorn Inn, Hungate street
 White Wm. Frankland, saddler & harness mkr. Red Lion st.
 Whittaker East, watchmkr. & jeweller & ins. agt. Market pl
 Wickes Mrs Ellen, The Belt
 Williams Mrs, Cromer road
 Williamson Frank, fishmonger & greengrocer, Market pl
 Williamson Henry, gardener and greengrocer, Red Lion st
 Winterborn James, millwright, Cavston road
 Woodhouse —, vict. Red Lion, Red Lion street
 Wright Henry George, farmer, Commercial road

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