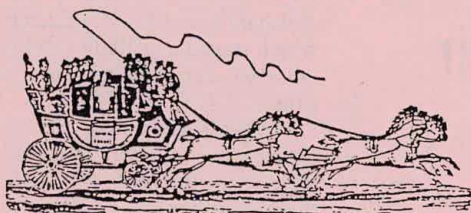


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Worth their weight in gold

HISTORY, if we believe Henry Ford, is bunk. In the middle of the first world war the American motor car millionaire coined that now-famous phrase.

And he went on: "We want to live in the present, and the only history that is worth a tinker's damn is the history we make today."

Mercifully, many of us who are not millionaires couldn't disagree more. For the history of our local communities should be inseparable from the way we live today.

So I am delighted to offer 10th birthday congratulations to

Aylsham Local History Society, which staged a brilliant exhibition at the weekend to mark the occasion.

What is so good about the society is that it doesn't just dig into the past for the fun of it — though there's nothing wrong with that.

It also speaks out in Aylsham to make sure that the future is in keeping with the past — for instance when significant new buildings are planned.

The final design of the King Chemist redevelopment, correctly hailed as the most important new building in Aylsham this century, was influenced by the views of society members.

And the society continues to keep a watchful eye on other planning applications, particularly where they affect sensitive parts of our beautiful town.

Happy birthday, local historians. You won't make a million, but you're worth your weight in gold.

The report by Bureman in the *North Norfolk News* for 8th. July '94
A fuller report on our two day celebration can be found on p.85.



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A DISTANT CONNECTION WITH AYLSHAM.

Brian P. Swann

I have joined, recently, the Aylsham Local History Society, having been interested in family history for nearly 30 years. I spent six years at U.E.A. (1965-71) studying chemistry, and whilst there began research into my family, which I knew had come from Worstead. This provided much interest over the years, and I eventually traced my family back to one William Swan (1723-1798) who became a farmer in Worstead in 1755.

After much further research, I am reasonably certain he is the same as one William Swan, baptised at Banningham in 1724, son of John and Rose Swan [formerly Primrose].

At Christmas 1980, on an off-chance, I wrote to Sir Michael Swann (later Lord Swann) then Governor of the BBC, asking if we could be related. I was delighted to get a hand-written letter in reply which said that he could spare little time for this sort of thing, but he did know his family had moved to Bradford from Norwich around 1845. I should contact his brother, Tim Swann, who lived near Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who might be able to assist me further.

Tim Swann was likewise very busy, and although I received some information that his forebears had been Quakers in Norwich, we made little progress at that time, and the subject lapsed. Then about three years ago [1992] he re-contacted me, and expressed a desire to re-start. By

thorough use of Quaker records and Freeman records of Norwich, we were able to establish that his family had moved to Norwich from Banningham, via his ancestor, one Isaac Swan (1699-1764), becoming a Freeman of the city in 1731, and marrying Mary Middleton at Booton Church in the same year. His parents were John and Hannah Swan of Banningham. John Swan died in 1715, and his wife, Hannah, died in 1725, and a will and inventory of her estate survives in the Norwich Consistory Court - which mentions lands in Banningham and Aylsham. They were early Norfolk Quakers and Quaker records exist of their children, and of some of their own sufferings; principally, non-payment of tithes. I believe that their eldest son, John Swan (b.1697) and their second son, Isaac (b.1699) are the same people who married Rose Promrose at Banningham [1719] and Mary Middleton at Booton [1731] respectively, and thus represent where our two family lines separated.

We became interested to try and trace where John and Hannah Swan's lands in Banningham and Aylsham might have been located. I had a record of a microfilm copy of an estate map of Banningham, dated 1707, being in the Norfolk Record Office. Unfortunately, it proved impossible to obtain a decent copy from this, and I contacted, eventually, Mr. Bryan Hall of the Rectory, Banningham, who had the original in his custody. This turned up trumps, and he was able to locate a field, with John Swan's name on it, right on the border of the parishes of Banningham, Aylsham and Ingworth. careful examination showed this to correspond to the present Ringer's farm. The map has the Coat of Arms of Wyndham of Felbrigg at the top and displays all the fields and commons in Banningham, with names of the owners, and their area in acres, roods and perches. I have transcribed all of this information from the map into tabular form, and I also have a large photograph of the map.

Examination of the Tithe maps of Banningham and Aylsham in the Norfolk Record Office showed that the farmhouse was in Banningham, but had fields in the possession of the same occupier stretching south, across the parish boundary, into Aylsham. This made complete sense of the wording in Hannah Swan's will of 1725. Upon visiting the farmhouse last year [1993] I was immensely pleased to find the original farmhouse building was still standing, and it clearly must

have been the same house occupied by John and Hannah Swan between 1697 and 1725.

Tim Swann was travelling to Australia, later that year, for a large family reunion of all the descendants of one William Swann, who had emigrated there in 1862 from Bradford, after the original Norwich family had moved north. After many moves in Australia, William Swann eventually purchased (in 1903) and restored, a farmhouse at Parramatta, near Sydney, now called Elizabeth farmhouse. He had a large number of daughters, and they eventually gave the property to the N.S.W. Historical Trust in 1969. This farmhouse is now the oldest building in Australia, and the reunion was to celebrate the bicentenary of its construction in 1793. Naturally, photographs and details of their more distant ancestor's farm in Norfolk provided another interesting talking point.

As yet we have not been able to locate John and Hannah Swan in any appropriate Manorial Records. The position of the property on the borders of three parishes does not make searches any easier. There are at least four ancient manors in Aylsham - so, if there is anyone out there with local knowledge of the boundaries of these manors, or has done work on the Manorial Records of Aylsham, Banningham or Ingworth before 1750, I would be very happy to exchange information on this subject.

John and Hannah Swan were buried in the Quaker burial ground at Lammas. I believe this is the same place where Anna Sewell, authoress of *Black Beauty*, was later buried. I understand this has recently disappeared [1984], but if any member can help me identify exactly where it used to be located, using contemporary maps, I would be very grateful.

Very recently, I have discovered the marriage of John Swann and Hannah Blythe, in 1695, using the Quaker records for the Yarmouth Monthly Meeting, in the Public Record Office. This indicated that John Swan came from Trunch and Hannah Blythe from Gunton. This marriage appears not to have been indexed in the digest made of all Quaker registers when they were surrendered at the commencement of Civil Registration. My search must now switch to that north-east-corner of Norfolk. However, the area of Banningham and Aylsham will always seem to be the family

home - especially because you can identify the exact location where your forebears used to live.

(If any members have any information to pass on, Brian Swann's address is 24 Dalston Close, Heatherside, CAMBERLEY, Surrey GU15 1BT. Ed.)

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MILLGATE.....WHEN GRANDAD WAS A LAD.

Derek Lyons

Earlier this year, on a cold Friday afternoon, Liz Gale and I were taken on a circuitous tour of Millgate by two octogenarian former residents. Frank Pull and Alfie Mathews were born shortly before the First World War, and are a great fund of information on what life in Millgate was like during the Twenties and Thirties. Frank moved to Cromer after World War Two, but Alfie continued to live in the town, in Mash's Row.

We began our ramble at the junction of Sir William's Lane and Gas House Hill, at the front of Belt Lodge. At the turn of the century the Lodge stood at the entrance to a tree lined grass drive which led to Belt farm, adjacent to the water mill. It was a two bedroom cottage which accommodated the estate gardener (Alfie's grandfather) and his family. There were six in the family to share the two bedrooms, so it probably got quite crowded around bedtime. There was a 'privy' in the garden, and the water supply for the cottage was drawn from an outside well.

Frank's father worked at the gas works for seventeen years. His duties were very varied, from charging the furnaces to lighting (and presumably extinguishing) the town's gas lamps. The manager's name was Taylor; he lived in the house that still stands in the corner of the yard. There were two gasometers; the site of one is marked with a circular flower bed which can be seen from the road when the gates are open. The furnaces were situated just inside the gates on the left. The raw material, coal, arrived initially by wherry, but later by rail at the M&GN station, and

was transported to the gas works by horse and cart. The by-products of the manufacturing process - i. e. coke and tar, were available to the residents; coke for burning in household grates, and tar for making up paths and waterproofing roofs. The fumes from tar were considered efficacious in the treatment of whooping cough, so children suffering from the malady were brought to the gas works and held over the containers of hot tar to breathe in the vapour.

It is only recent arrivals in the town who would not have known Millgate Stores. This useful shop suffered the fate of many small stores when faced with competition from the supermarkets. It was a very different story in 1926 when 14-year old Frank Pull started his first job there after leaving school. The shop was both a grocers and a drapers, owned by a Mr. Dent, who also had a warehouse at Cawston. From Aylsham and Cawston seven or eight delivery vans travelled out each day into North Norfolk to supply Mr. Dent's customers. Behind the shop was another warehouse, and underneath, a cellar, where the staff measured and packed such commodities as butter, margarine, sugar, salt and flour. Everything arrived at the shop in bulk, including sugar which came in 'loaf' form, which had to be broken up and crushed before weighing.

Sundays appear to have been spent mainly attending Chapel and walking. The Tabernacle held three services each Sunday - morning, afternoon and in the evening. Sunday School assembled in the mornings and afternoons. After each service, it was customary for the worshippers to walk out into the countryside. For some it took on something of a routine. *"Steven's three fields in the morning, Cromer Road in the afternoon, and Marsham at night."* The Sunday School outings to Cromer left vivid memories. These were usually undertaken by horse-drawn waggon, but occasionally by train from the M&GN station to Melton Constable, where they changed for the ride to Holt, Sheringham and then on to Cromer Beach Station.

Several businesses were trading in Millgate at this time. Partridge, the butcher, was next door to the Tabernacle, at No.1a. His slaughterhouse was at the back of the shop. No.9 was Tuddenham & Moy's builders yard, which was later taken over by a Mr. Allen who grew tomatoes for sale in

Norwich Market. No. 11 was the home of Mr. Miles, the local Prudential agent. Tom Daniels lived at No.15. He was a farmer and had his farm buildings right behind the house. His son George ran a haulage business, with several steam traction engines, from here. There were two sweet shops, Mr. Atkins (who also had a carpenter's and wheelwright's shop on the Staithe) at No.34, and Miss Dyball in what is now the Antique Shop, close to Bridge House. The little 'cottage' just beside the Antique shop, was at one stage, a boot repairer's. A bootmaker, Mr. Moy, traded from Nos. 44 & 46. The Stonemasons pub took its name from its next door neighbour. Mr. Hall, the stonemason, had his workshop and showroom in the premises behind what is now the pub car park.

Rather disappointingly, neither of our guides could remember the Maltings being used as such. During the 1914-18 war soldiers were billeted there and in Bure House. The horses were stabled at Belt farm and at Dunkirk. Tuddenham & Moy used the building at one period to store building material, and Sainsbury (brother of the supermarket Sainsbury) used it as an egg collection depot. Many of us can remember it being used as a rather untidy 'antique' store, and now, of course, it has become a row of rather attractive dwellings.

The guided tour ended at Bridge House, the old Anchor Inn. Before we parted company, we learned of a more leisurely era when waggoners driving to and from the mill would pull into the cart shed beside the pub, give the horse something to munch on, while they went into the bar to wash the dust from their throats. If time pressed, the horse and cart would be left in front of the cottages opposite. One of the residents was said to have kept a tame jackdaw which had a talent for imitating human speech.

The story goes that one day the bird flew on to a waggon left in front of the pub, screeched "*Giddy up there*" and drove off down the road!

(This account is repeated in good faith, but no responsibility can be accepted for its accuracy. D. L.)

AYLSHAM'S 'CELEBRATED' SPA

Most people in Aylsham know that the town was once the possessor of a celebrated Spa. Indeed, the name still persists - in Spa Farm, Spa Cottages, etc. but beyond that, very little else seems to be known about it. The usual documentary sources are frustratingly brief in their references to it, and for the most part simply repeat the same information:-

"Aylsham was once noted for its Spa which is situated about ½ mile south of the town, and now belongs to Mr. R. Elvin. This Chalybeate spring, though now but little used, was formerly much resorted to by invalids afflicted with asthma and other chronic diseases."

Happily, this situation has now altered, and last year [1993] in the *Journal of the Norfolk Industrial Archaeology Society* [Vol.5 No.3] there appeared an excellent feature by Mary Manning, entitled 'Taking the waters in Norfolk' which is a survey of all the known Spas in the county. This survey brings together, for the first time, all the recorded historical information about each spa, together with a full description of its present state, and of its location. This is an admirably produced survey complete with maps and illustrations, bringing together, for the first time, scarce and widely scattered snippets of information concerning each spa. Each of these snippets of historical detail must have been difficult and time-consuming to track down, and future readers will owe a great debt to Mrs. Manning's hard work.

One can read the whole feature with great pleasure, but as a foretaste of the whole contents Mrs. Manning has given permission for us to reproduce the sections concerning Aylsham Spa and Oulton Spa in our Journal:-

AYLSHAM

[A Chalybeate Spring. O.S. Ref. TG 193255

Visited January 1992]

The Site: At Spa Farm, Stonegate, Aylsham. In 1992 no traces of the Spa could be found, although a slight trickle of water emerges from the bank of

Spaw Lane, leading to the farm, after heavy rain. The site of a former pond in the farmyard was indicated by the owner. It is dried up and in-filled, but may have been the overspill pool from the Spa. Nearby runs a tiny stream, the Mary Beck, into which the pond may once have discharged.

Local theory is that the Spa spring was situated on rising ground to the east of some cottages, called Spa Cottages, which lie north of Spa Farm on the other side of the lane. There is no proof of this. It is likely that the spring issued at the junction of gravels overlaying clays.

History. The farmhouse, listed Grade II, is seventeenth century, being of Norfolk red brick with diaper patterning in the west gable. Some interior walls are of stud and plaster, perhaps indicating an earlier house encapsulated within the present structure.. The farmhouse may have been used as a spa building, and may have been enlarged for this purpose. Obviously those seeking cures from the water had to travel to this somewhat isolated spot, and rest and social companionship were an expected part of the treatment. Such a use for the present house must remain speculative, but at Oulton a house of similar age stands near the spring.

Woodward stated in an 1880s report, that by 1829 Aylsham Spa was little used. The water was considered to be a cure for asthma. **Pigot's** directory of 1830 lists this spa as formerly celebrated, but for many years fallen into disuse. The directory continues:-

'It is, however, intended to erect baths and drinking rooms, and there is every probability of its again becoming a favourite resort, several respectable individuals have obtained relief from drinking the waters.'

No evidence of such a revival has been found.

A reference to Ayllesham Spa occurs in "The Natural history of the Chalybeat and Purging waters of England" by B. Allen, published in London in 1699. This book gives the following information:-

'This water is in gravel. It has prevail'd in fame and resort over

Oulton Water in the same county, which is a lighter and far more effectual water, partly from the more convenient situation of the place, and partly from the wrong estimate which is made of Chalybeat water by those that judge their goodness by the depth of their Tinging with Galls. It is heavier, a little, than ordinary gravel water; with Galls or Oken leaves takes a blew black and makes a direct ink, as do those waters whose Salt has somewhat of the Nature of Common salt.

Allen obviously considered Oulton [see below] to have the better water. The *Tinging* was done by grinding oak galls or oak leaves in a mortar, and mixing the resultant powder into a sample of water, which was then *tinged*, or coloured by the chemical reaction.

Summary.

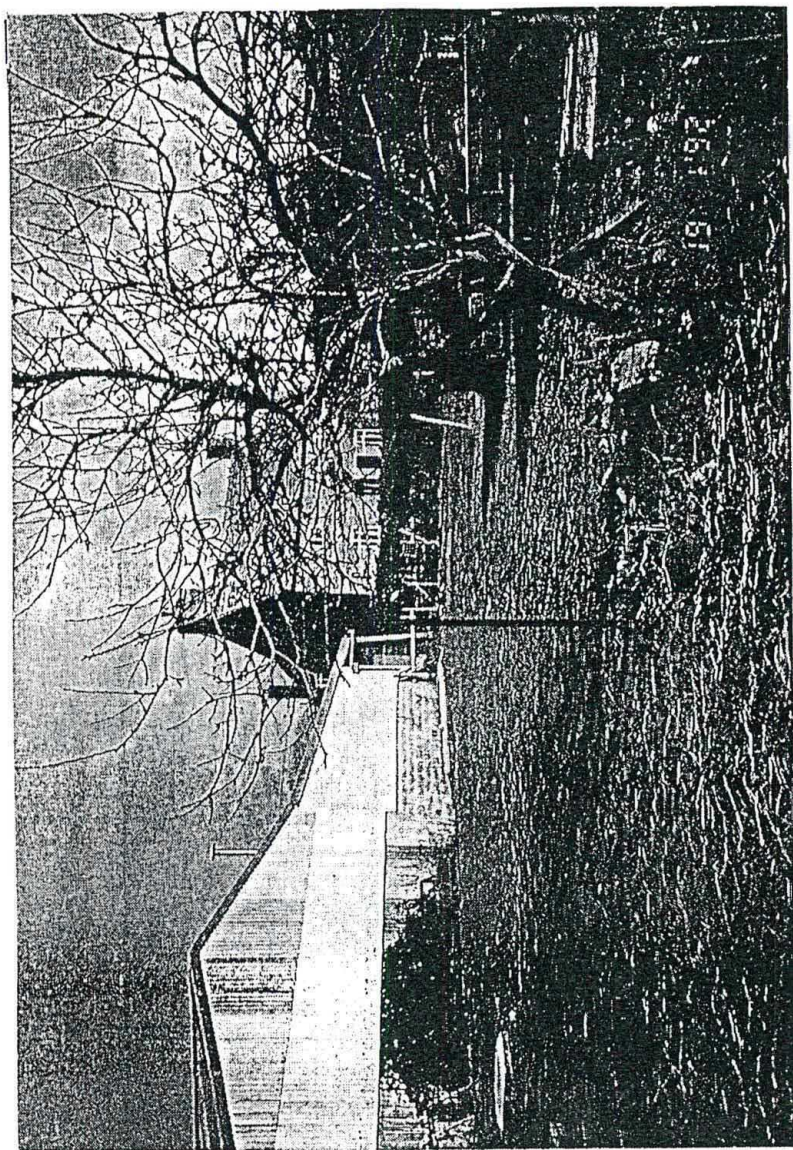
- Opened seventeenth century, certainly by 1699.
- Finished c1829
- Demolished - not known
- No visible remains other than in continued use of the name, as in Spa Farm, Spa Cottages and Spa Lane.
- Spring - dried up
- Cure: for asthma.

OULTON SPA. Chalybeate. Visited and rediscovered January 1992

The Site. - as this Spa is probably the oldest in Norfolk, and has some physical remains, its exact location is not given, in this account, for fear of theft and vandalism

The Spring rises at the foot of a hill of sands and gravels overlying clays, pits having been quarried into the hill in the past. A lane in the vicinity is named *Spaw Lane*, an example of the alternative spelling mentioned above.

History: A conveyance of 1731 mentioned the **Spaw** as a landmark. It is



Aylsham. View to Spa Farm House: the infilled pond was to the left of the tree in the foreground.

M. Manning

recorded on an estate map of 1742 in the Mannington Hall Estate records. As noted above under Aylsham, Oulton mineral spring was established before Aylsham Spa, prior to 1699, as evidenced in Allen's book of that date. Armstrong in 1781, says:-

"Here is a spring called the Spa, being a strong mineral, much frequented formerly before the Aylsham Spa had gained its reputation.

No further documentary or written information has been found.

Condition in 1992 Oulton Spa has the distinction, together with Reffley, of retaining its original basin. It is approximately 3ft. in diameter, made of stone, with a plughole in the bottom. It has a moulded lip opposite to the in-pipe, to facilitate filling a vessel. The in-pipe leads the spring water into the basin from a filter-bed of sand and gravel, housed in brick. From the basin a narrow ditch leads the water to a beck nearby, which flows to the Bure. The remains of wooden steps to the basin, and of a paved surround are traceable. The filter-bed is probably of later date than the basin.

The basin was known to exist, by local villagers, and was kept clear, together with its water channels. It had been infilled prior to 1991. The basin is to be kept infilled to protect it from vandalism or theft.

Farm cottages nearby probably incorporate the original spa house, which would have provided accommodation for visiting patients, as at Aylsham. Probably an attendant drew water from the spring and carried it to a room in the house. In view of the isolation of this site, such accommodation would have been very necessary.

As it pre-dates Aylsham, Oulton is the earliest Spa in Norfolk. It does not seem to have provided social amenities, but it did offer comfortable rooms for taking the waters

Summary

- Opened seventeenth century
- Closed - probably soon after Aylsham Spa developed, but still recorded in 1757
- Spring - reduced to a trickle, after heavy rain. Often dry
- Cure: Asthma.

AYLSHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 1994 AT 7 PM
AT THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB, CAWSTON ROAD, AYLSHAM

After the business meeting and coffee break
Mr Geoffrey Gale will speak about The Shakers

Election of Officers and Members of the Committee for 1994-1995

<u>Present Officers:</u>	Chairman	Jane Nolan
	Vice-Chairman	Peter Holman
	Secretary	Valerie Belton
	Treasurer	Betty Gee

<u>Present</u>		
<u>Committee:</u>	Julian Eve	Jill Fletcher
	Elizabeth Gale	Geoffrey Gale
	Tom Mollard	Tom West

<u>Co-opted:</u>	Maureen Strong (Membership Secretary)
	Derek Lyons José Lamb

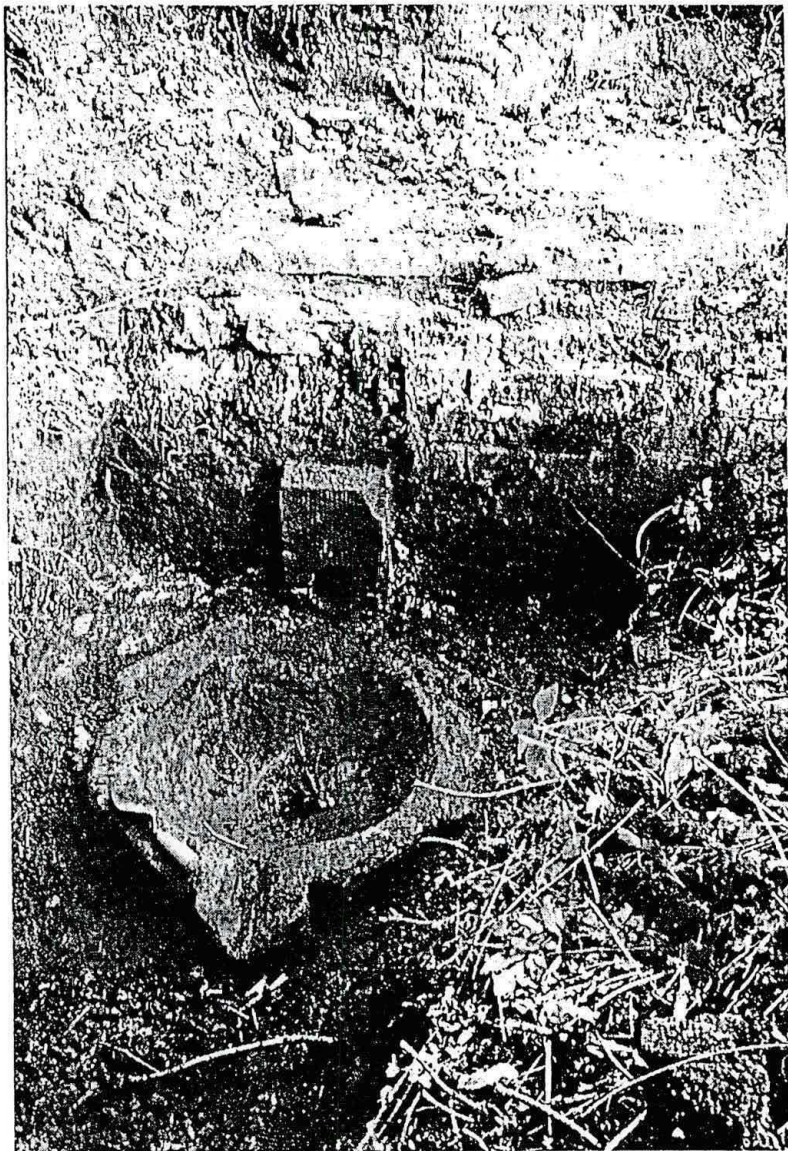
Officers are elected annually. All are willing to stand again.

Two members of the committee retire each year. Jill Fletcher and Tom Mollard are retiring, and do not wish to stand again. We have, therefore, two members of the committee to elect.

Up to three additional members may be co-opted by the committee.

Please send your nominations for officers and committee members, with your own name, and that of a seconder, **by Saturday 1st October 1994, to:**

Miss V R Belton
Cherry Tree Cottage, Ingworth, Norwich, NR11 6AE



Oulton. Spa basin.

D. Manning 1992

Even this survey does not tell us everything we would wish to know about these two spas, but it is probable that all the information that can be traced is included here, and it seems unlikely that much more could ever be added.

Earlier this year several of our members would have heard Mrs. Manning speak on this subject at a talk arranged by the Aylsham Association. I know that this was a talk very much enjoyed by all who attended. The article in the Journal of the Norfolk Industrial Archaeology Society will bring the subject to the notice of a much wider audience.

Looking back through earlier issues of our own Journal, I discover that we have already recorded one short reference to Aylsham Spa. This was in Volume 3 No. 11 September 1993, and was contained in a description of the town by a James Hooper. His article was first printed in the *Norfolk Chronicle* for 1906. In it he says:-

"In Blomefield's time, Aylsham was, says the historian, much frequented in the summer season by reason of the Spaw.....the water of which, tasting very strong of the mineral is esteemed of great service in Asthmas. It is purgative and is said to be of the Vitriolick kind..... The spring until quite recently had been choked up, but Mr. Purdy, the present owner has had it restored. We journeyed to it down Hungate, over the railway, and through two fields to the right, and a woman from the adjoining cottage drew us a glass. The taste is ferruginious, and — well, we were disinclined to walk far the next day!"

The water was obviously beneficial for other problems besides asthma!

The latest information received is that Mrs. Manning's article has now appeared as a separate book under the same title "Taking the Waters in Norfolk" published by the N.I.A.S. at £4.50. Copies are available at Jarrolds in Norwich, and elsewhere.

Tom Mollard.

SOCIETY NEWS

Avril Fox, author of the recent article on *Mark Stones* [Volume 4 No. 1 March 1994] is anxious to develop her subject, but lacks the necessary transport. She is looking for an interested person, with a car, who would join her in noting mark stones in other Norfolk villages. She would share the cost of petrol.

Telephone: Aylsham 734500

PROGRAMME DATES

8th. September:	Mystery History Tour [details already circulated]
27th. September	Archives Group begins - fortnightly at Town Hall
6th. October	AGM followed by G. Gale on "The Shakers"
27th. October	Martial Rose - "Bosses of Norwich Cathedral"
24th. November	Adam Longcroft - "Vernacular architecture"
<u>1995</u>	
27th. January	New Year Party
23rd. February	Roberta Gilchrist - "Religious women in medieval East Anglia"
30th. March	Mary Manning - "Norfolk's Industrial past"
27th April	Richard Wood - "Tudor and Stuart Houses"

It has been decided to produce the programme & membership card ahead of the AGM in future. This may mean that details of committee membership etc. on the card could well be out of date soon after the card appears, but details of future programmes will be in members' hands at a more sensible time. With luck, copies should be distributed with this issue of the Journal

ANNE APPLIN

Just as this issue of the Journal was nearing completion, we learned of the sudden death of Anne Applin, one of our members. Anne died on the 14th. August. Anne was a keen supporter of the society and supported its activities as far as her health permitted, although her first love was for flowers. She will be missed by her many friends, and our sympathy is extended to her husband, Dick and her family.

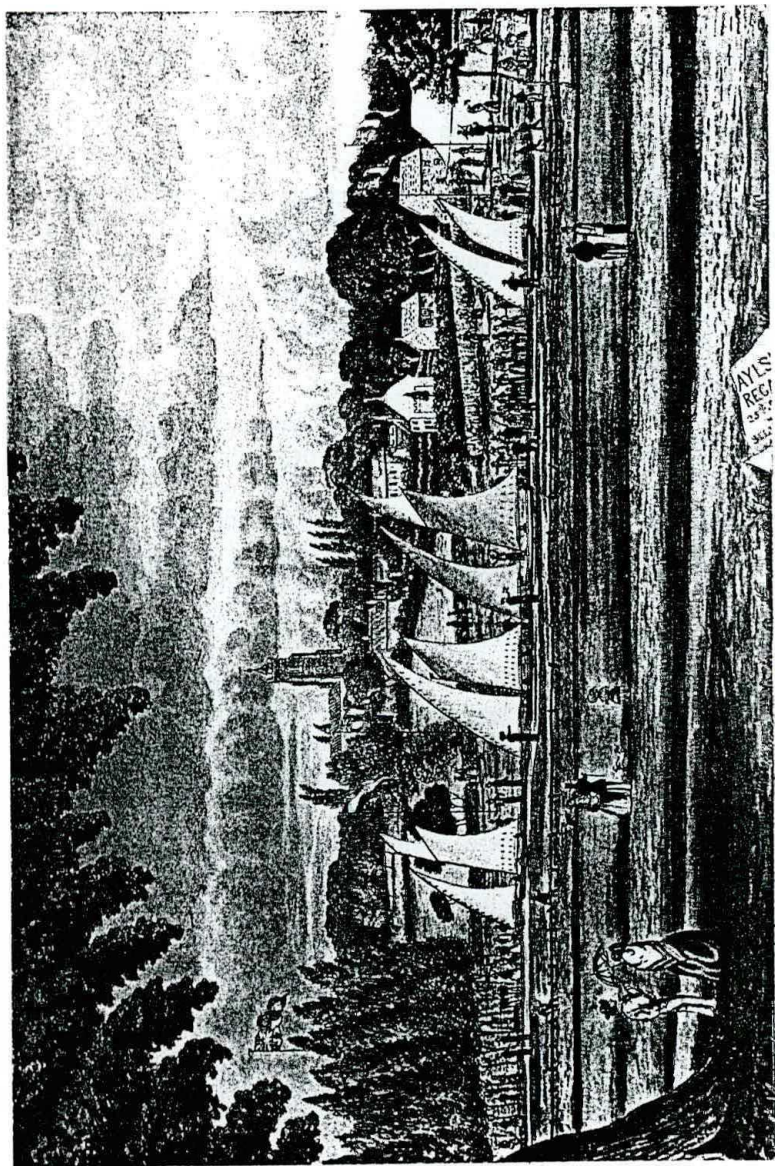
THE AYLSHAM REGATTA

Geoffrey Gale

The scene on the Society's postcard, shows the Aylsham Regatta painted by Walter Mileham in 1850. The original painting hangs in the Clerk's office in Aylsham Town Hall and was reproduced in postcard form especially for our tenth birthday celebration. The point from where Mileham painted the scene is uncertain. Contemporary reports place it above the road bridge at Millgate, on the stretch of river close to where the railway bridge crosses the river. In the intervening years, the area has radically changed, and the railway bridge is now part of Weavers Way. Some of the trees that grew in Mileham's time have disappeared, and today there are many more trees along that stretch of the river bank.

This first regatta was won by Dr. R. K. Morton's "*Fairy Queen*" and at a meeting held at the Anchor Inn, on the 9th. May 1851, The Aylsham Aquatic Club was launched. Its object was 'to promote sailing and rowing matches between members'. The first president was Mr. Samuel Parmeter, and the commodore was Dr. Fred Smith. The club also had its own flag - an eight-pointed white star on a red ground.

There were a number of regattas arranged by the club, but these all seem to have been held on the Aylsham Navigation Co's canal, between the basin and the lock. The 1850 regatta may have been the only one held on the river Bure. On the 9th. June 1871, The Aylsham Aquatic Club was re-formed, and the name was changed to "The Aylsham & Buxton Rowing Club". The club's new commodore was Dr. R. K. Morton, and monthly meetings were held in the Red Lion Hotel. During the summer months, regattas continued to be held at Aylsham, but on 11th. September 1872 a more ambitious regatta was held further down river, at Buxton. At this meeting a sailing and three rowing matches were held, and curiously, the meeting finished with a steeplechase which crossed the river at some point, but the exact location is unknown. The Club was wound up in 1876, after trouble with six young men who were members of the club and were a persistent source of trouble and embarrassment to the other members. They damaged the club boat, broke oars, lost rowlocks and "*left the boat in such a filthy condition, not fit for a lady to sit in.*"



INGWORTH FESTIVAL

Hubert Sheringham

26th. June was blessed with perfect weather for our festival of flowers, village history and bygones. The mood was set by the colourful period costumes of all the helpers. The church was beautifully decorated and there were skillful and artistic displays of various aspects of life from Neolithic flint to present day, evoking many memories. There were also, in church, displays of hand-knitted goods and wool spinning, together with organ recitals. In the barns were agricultural displays, and in the Reading Room an art exhibition.

Lunches and cream teas were enjoyed at leisure, and the barbeque was popular- as were the ice creams. The plant, bric-a-brac and cake stalls were well supplied and the raffle had a wonderful array of prizes. In the afternoon, the fete opened with the children's fancy dress, followed by some not-too-serious sports, with numerous sideshows, tombola and competitions. The events concluded with some hearty singing of favourite hymns at "Songs of Praise" in the church.

At a charge of £1 per head, all agreed that this was good value for money, and generous support was given by visitors. The result was gross takings of £2099.33; total expenses of £279.64 and a net profit of £1819.69, divided between St Lawrence's church and the Social Club. An outstanding result, but just as importantly, there was about the whole event a relaxed and happy atmosphere, with ages of under 1 to nearly 100 getting on splendidly together. Whom to thank? Nearly every household in Ingworth was involved, and gifts came from far and wide. All the generosity accounted for the low cost of staging the event. To name everyone concerned would take up too much space, so very many thanks to everyone so inspiringly led by Suzanne Eke, who planned the whole event, with her first lieutenant, Jane Fleming.

*(Reprinted from "Keeping In Touch" by kind permission of the editor)
Many of our society's members enjoyed the festival, with our own secretary, Valerie Belton, taking a very active part. - Was she in period costume. I can't remember. Ed.)*

The Birthday Celebration - July 2nd - 3rd 1994

Afterthoughts

Jane Nolan.

Whose idea was it? How did we set about it? When did we start planning? Why did it take the form it did? How many of the Society took part? How did it work out financially?, and more searching questions perhaps - did we enjoy doing it and do we think it was a success? Would we do it again?

As to where it all began, it was a bit like Topsy and just grew. The seed of an idea was sown at a committee meeting, a year earlier and a sub-committee was set up to consider the possibilities. A review of past productions, both written and display material, provided a base from which to proceed; new ideas began to emerge and appeals for help through the Journal and at meetings yielded a slowly growing body of support from the wider membership. Some material for exhibition was the direct result of study undertaken in the fortnightly Extra Mural Studies course - "Living and working in Aylsham in the past"; some was the product of the interests and private study of individual members. Members with skills such as calligraphy and cartography, made the production of items such as the 'Aylsham Navigation' and a 'Time Chart' practical propositions, and the availability of computer skills and photography greatly facilitated the production and reproduction of readable displays.

Fortune favoured us when it came to assembling the exhibition. The staff of the High School had offered to lend us stands on which to mount our displays, and as they were having 'occasional' or so-called 'Baker Days' at the time, the empty classrooms were available, and we were able to put together the exhibition on individual stands ready for transport and installation in the Town Hall late on Friday evening. Here, many pairs of hands literally made light work, both then, and in putting finishing touches early on Saturday morning. The ultimate form of the display and its unity owed much to the skills and experience of Peter Holman and Geoff Gale. There was a wide range of subject matter in the exhibition:- A display of the Society's posters and its bookstall; the Wright's Map; the

commemorative postcard, and a case of archival material from the town's archives.

There were stands and displays about people and places throughout the town's history:-

The Turnpike and the Aylsham- Cromer Tramway

Hungate and Millgate

Queen Victoria's Jubilee celebrations of 1897

Aylsham Poor Law, and Aylsham at Prayer.

Old school books and School's computer input.

Post cards of old Aylsham, and Railway memorabilia.

Oral History records and Time Chart

Navigation on the Bure, and a model of a Wherry

Aylsham Floods in 1912 and 1993

There were stalls by the Red Lion Gallery, Red Lion Books, and the Norfolk Museum Service.

There were slide shows on both days - those on Saturday were accompanied by talks by Ron Peabody.

The two-day programme required stewards, providers of light refreshments, and other 'routine', but vital jobs and many people gave generous help. The Saturday evening "Mardle" with Keith Skipper was well supported and enjoyed, although the slow sale of tickets gave a number of us more than a little anxiety beforehand.

The Final question must be: Was it a successful venture?

My answer would certainly be 'Yes'. Financially, it paid its way. It was well attended by a considerable number of Aylsham people and others who seemed to find it interesting, although they are not known to be closely involved in our Local History studies. Visitors from further afield have made favourable comments; these include Dr. Richard Wilson, Director of the Centre of East Anglian Studies, Dr. J. Knight, Secretary of N.A.H.R.G., and Mr. J. C. Barringer, Director of Extra-Mural Studies at the University (and our former tutor)

The fact that so many members of the society were associated with its production in various ways, made it, in the end, a community venture,

bringing us together through sharing this common interest. With the permission and approval of the Town Council we have also been able to produce for sale to the public a useful reproduction of the Wright's 1839 Map of Aylsham (with accompanying schedules), and the attractive commemorative postcard reproducing the the painting of Aylsham Regatta in 1850, by Walter Mileham. [see page 83]

Overall, I hope and believe that we may have made our fellow citizens living around and about Aylsham and in Norfolk generally, more aware of the pleasures and rewards to be found in studying our past. It may be no mere coincidence, that as I type this account of our celebration I have received a telephone call from a stranger, asking if he could meet with me to discuss how best to start a local history society elsewhere!.

Jane Nolan

"MAD" WINDHAM

Tom Mollard

The cover illustration in this issue of the *Journal & Newsletter* comes straight from the Aylsham archives. It is an advertising card for the coach service from Cromer to Norwich, which called at Aylsham en route, stopping at the Black Boys. There are similar cards in the Archive collection, but these are mostly of a later date, and advertise the service provided by the 'Océan' coach running from Tuckers Hotel, Cromer to the Royal Hotel, Norwich, also calling at the Black Boys, en route. This was the service run by James Breese, proprietor of the Black Boys, and the coachman was Tom Saul.

The card illustrated is of an earlier vintage, printed by Charles Clements of Aylsham (predecessor of Barnwell's, Printers), and is of particular interest as the coachman is William Frederick Windham, or 'Mad' Windham, Squire of Felbrigg Hall, and a character it would be difficult to imagine surviving in today's world. The full story of 'Mad' Windham can be read in "*Felbrigg, the story of a house*" by R. W. Ketton-Cremer (1962) All the essential details of this tragi/comic story are there.

There is also another, brief account of Mad Windham, recorded in the Starling manuscript, which is also in the parish archives. This is the manuscript autobiography of William Frederick Starling [1852-1937], and he describes Windham as the townsfolk of Aylsham would have seen him:

"Now I will tell you about the young squire of Felbrigg, - Squire Windham, afterwards called 'Madcap' Windham, and a very sad story it is. Now this young man was born with everything in this life to make him contented and happy; a beautiful estate, plenty of money, but unfortunately, after he came of age he got into the hands of gay ladies and gamblers in London.

He used to drive a beautiful four-in-hand coach and lovely horses. With two guards in crimson and gold liveries, he used to drive through Aylsham every Sunday morning in the summer, as regularly as a clock, about 10 o'clock, from Norwich. Before he got into the town, one of the guards used to play a cornet, so we always knew when he was coming. He came full-trot up the Norwich Road, and quite into the 'Lion' yard, without easing his horses, when he would turn the coach round and come out again. He was very partial to Mrs. Osbourne, the landlady. He was known to be one of the finest whips in England.

Well, as time went on, his uncle, General Windham, who commanded our troops at the storming of the Redan in the Crimean War, brought an action in the High Court, to try and prove that the young squire was insane. It lasted several weeks and must have cost a great amount of money. At last the verdict was that the young squire was not insane, and after this he carried on in the same way, and made away with the whole of the Felbrigg estate. He died in the attic of the Norfolk Hotel, Norwich, (which then stood on the same site as the Hippodrome) in great poverty, with just the single shirt on his back and a few filthy clothes. He was deserted by all his so-called friends or enemies, and only a little post lad, whom he had befriended at one time, to look after him. This little post lad was the only one, out of all his so-called friends, who remained staunch to him. This little lad did everything for him during his illness.

He was a wonderful friend to all the guards and railwaymen at Norwich, when in prosperity, and it must have been a very great loss to them as he did them all sorts of kindnesses. He often drove the London train to Norwich, and Norwich to London. If he had lived another two

years, he would have come into the Hanworth estate. He married a lady, Miss Agnes Willoughby, and there was one son. When this man came to take possession of the Hanworth estate, all the tenants met him in open carriages, and preceded him to Hanworth Hall”.

Ketton-Cremer adds extra detail. During his exploits on the railway, he obtained a guards uniform with belt, pouch and whistle, but he was equally happy acting as ticket collector, parcel sorter, or porter. Ketton-Cremer adds,

“railway officials indulged his whims to an almost incredible extent. On one occasion, by blowing his whistle at the wrong time, he nearly caused a serious accident on the Suffolk line.”

The enquiry into his sanity instigated by General Windham broke William Frederick, even though he had won the case. Whatever was left after paying the legal fees was quickly soaked up by Agnes Willoughby. By 1864, William Frederick was virtually penniless. According to Ketton-Cremer,

“He passed his time, not disagreeably, among the inns and pot houses and livery stables of Norwich, and there he made the acquaintance of a coach proprietor named Tom Bingham, who proved a true and loyal friend. He gave Windham steady and congenial employment....and kept him from utter dereliction during the last year and a half of his life. The employment was modest enough - driving the “Express” coach between Norwich and Cromer at a guinea a week.Eventually Windham had a disagreement with Bingham, and would drive the coach no longer..... Bingham remained cordial and kind,..... and he had another friend in a coachman named Tom Saul, who presently succeeded him as driver of the Cromer coach. But drink and nervous excitement had wrecked his constitution. He was suddenly taken ill on 1st. February 1866 and died on the following day. Tom Bingham and Tom Saul were with him. The General was sent for but did not arrive in time. He was buried in the family vault at Felbrigg.....the only real mourners were the two Toms, - Bingham and Saul.”

The small card which illustrates our front cover practically encapsulates the complete story.

AYLSHAM IN 1892

Our sequence of copies of the Aylsham entries from the county directories of Norfolk is bringing us closer to the turn of the century. As with the previous directory, the main problem is to acquire a decent photocopy of the entry, from which to work. Many of the directories are rebound volumes with tight leather spines. This helps to preserve the book, but it makes photocopying difficult.

This entry is from Kelly's Directory of Norfolk 1892. The worst bits have been re-typed for clarity. but the remainder is photocopied. I hope the quality is acceptable.

AYLSHAM, mentioned in Domesday as "Elesham", is a market and union town, head of a county court district and parish, on the banks of the River Bure, which is navigable hence to Yarmouth, having a station on the Great Eastern Railway, and another on the Eastern & Midlands Railway. 125½ miles from London, 12 north from Norwich, and 7 west from North Walsham, in the Northern Division of the county, South Erpingham Hundred and Petty Sessional division, rural deanery of Ingworth and archdeaconry and diocese of Norwich.

The town is lighted with gas supplied by the Aylsham Gas Co.; there is no water supply except from wells. The church of St. Michael is a building of flint in the Early English and Perpendicular styles, and was erected by John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, the court of whose duchy was once held in this town. It consists of chancel, nave, aisles south porch and an embattled western tower with small spire containing a clock and ten bells. The font is enriched with bas-reliefs of the emblems of the four Evangelists, the instruments of the Passion, and the arms of the Duke of Lancaster with other armorial insignia. The screens were painted with saints, martyrs and confessors in 1507, principally at the cost of Thomas Wymer, worsted weaver, whose tomb with brass effigy in shroud and the date 1507, is in the church. Here is also a brass with effigies as skeletons in shrouds to Richard Howard, citizen and Sheriff of Norwich, who in 1488, built the church porch, and died 1499, and to Cecilia, his wife.

There are other brasses to Thomas Tylson, B.A. rector c1490, with effigy in almuze and scrolls; to Robert Farman and Katherine his wife c1490, and there are effigies of a man and his wife, much worn. The east window, the tracery of which has been restored, is decorated with stained glass, representing apostles, with various devices and the armorial bearings of the Hobarts, Earls of Buckinghamshire, and those of the See of Norwich impaling Stanley. There is another stained window to eight former vicars, and one containing some beautiful specimens of old glass, inserted at the expense of the late Rev. E. T. Yates, a former vicar, together with the armorial bearings of his family and of S. Pitman esq, then lay impropriator of the parish, and the Dowager Lady Suffield.

In a recess in the churchyard, is the grave of Humphry Repton, the celebrated landscape gardener, who died 24 March 1818. There are 850 sittings. The register dates from the year 1653. The living is a vicarage, tithe rent charge £659, average £501, gross yearly value £540, net £218, including 5 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Dean & Chapter of Canterbury, and held since 1888 by the Rev. John Gurney Hoare, M. A. of Trinity

College, Cambridge, Rural dean of Ingworth and surrogate.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners hold the larger portion of the great tithes. A mission room was built in 1890 on ground adjoining the churchyard, at a cost of £400, by Mr. B. Cook, who receives a nominal rent for its use as a parish room. The Baptist chapel is in White Hart St, Primitive Methodist on the Cawston Rd., Wesleyan in White Hart St, Reformed Wesleyan in Millgate and the Gospel Hall on the Cawston Rd. At Abbots Hall is a Catholic chapel in which services are held occasionally

The cemetery of two acres was formed in 1855 at a cost of £600 and is under the control of a Burial Board of nine members. The Town Hall in the Market Place is a structure of red brick, and has a reading room and literary institute attached. Fairs are held yearly on March 23rd., and the last Tuesday in September. A Savings Bank was established in 1818; here is also a Literary Institution. Cressy's charity of £34 yearly is for clothing. Abbots Hall, erected in 1610 by a member of the Wood family, and now the property of Philip Candler Shephard esq., stands on the site of the ancient moated residence, and is occupied as a farmhouse.

There are four manors - Aylsham Lancaster manor, belonging to Constance, Marchioness of Lothian; the Vicarage manor, belonging to the vicar; Sexton's manor, commonly called Aylsham Wood, the property of Thomas Copeman esq., and Bolwick manor, belonging to W. S. Calvert esq but now (1892) occupied by Charles Louis Buxton, esq J. P. Orchard House is the residence of Major-General Henry Richard Legge Newdigate. C. B. J. P. The principal landowners are Constance, Marchioness of Lothian, Robert John Woods Purdy, Charles Louis Buxton of Marsham, Col. Edward John Stracey-Clitherow of Brentford, James Redfoored Bulwer, Philip Candler Shephard, Major Benjamin Beckham and Mrs. Sapwell, the Rev. Robert Alfred Rackham of Whatfield rectory, the trustees of the late Thomas Henry Case esq, and a few smaller owners. The area is 4308 acres; rateable value £11,457; in 1881 the population of the parish was 2,674 including 134 officers and inmates in the workhouse. Parish Clerk and sexton of cemetery, George Neale, Town Hall; Henry Parnell, cemetery keeper.

POST. M.O. & T.O. S.B. & Annuity & Insurance office. Charles Clements, postmaster. Letters through Norwich are delivered at 7.30 (and 10.am for callers only) & 3pm.; dispatched at 8.45am., 12.15, 5 and 7.45pm. Sundays delivery 7.30 am, dispatched at 4.45pm.

WALL LETTER BOXES - Millgate, cleared 11.30am and 4.50; & 7.40pm weekdays only. Cawston Rd., cleared 12 noon, 4.45 and 7.25 pm.

COUNTY MAGISTRATES FOR SOUTH ERPINGHAM PETTY SESSIONAL DIVISION

Beauchamp, Rev. Robert William, Rectory, Wickmere, Chairman

Bolton, Walter Henry, Oulton Hall, Aylsham

Buxton, Charles Louis, Bolwick, Marsham

Gorell, Robert Atkinson, The Old Hall, Coltishall

Ives, Robert. Calthorpe

Marsham, Major Henry Savill D.L. Rippon Hall, Hevingham.

Newdigate, Major General Henry Richard Legge, Orchard House, Aylsham

Rogers, Richard. The Hall Coltishall

Shephard, Philip Candler, Aylsham

Clerk to the Magistrates: William Forster.

Petty Sessions are held at the Town hall every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 12. The following places are included in the petty sessional division :—Alby-with-Thwaite, Aylsham, Barningham Parva, Bellingham, Bickling, Buxton, Calthorpe, Cawston, Colby, Coltishall, Corpusty, Erpingham, Foulsham, Gæstwick, Heydon, Heythorpe, Houghton, Irmingham, Lamas-with-Hautbois Parva, Mannington, Marsham, Oulton, Oxnead, Saxthorpe, Sketton, Sketton Strawless, Swanton Abbott, Tuttington, Wickmere & Wolterton

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS :—

Cemetery, Henry James Gidney, clerk to the burial board County Court, held at the Town hall bi-monthly. His Honor Edwin Plumer Price q.c. judge; Henry James Gidney, registrar & high bailiff. The district comprises the following parishes :—Alby-with-Thwaite, Aylsham, Alderford, Barningham, Barningham Parva, Bellingham, Bickling, Brampton, Buxton, Buxton, Brandiston, Buxton, Calthorpe, Cawston, Colby, Coltishall, Corpusty, Erpingham, Foulsham, Gæstwick, Hackford, Hautbois Magna, Haveringland, Hovingham, Heydon, Hindolveston, Ingworth, Irmingham, Lamas-with-Hautbois Parva, Mannington, Marsham, Oulton, Oxnead, Reepham-with-Kerdstone, Sall, Saxthorpe, Sketton, Sketton, Sketton Strawless, Swanton Abbott, Swanton, Themelthorpe, Thurning, Tuttington, Whitwell, Wickmere, Withingham, (Great), Withingham, (Little), Wood Dalling, Wood Norton & Wolterton. Certified Bailiffs appointed under The Law of Distress Amendment Act, William Plane Lemon, Red Lion street, Aylsham & Samuel Maidstone, Town hall, Aylsham. County Police Station, Bickling, road, Mark. Grimes, superintendent & 14 constables. Inland Revenue Office, Black Boys hotel, Market place, Frederick William Schneider, officer Stamp Office, Market place, Charles Clements, distributor Town Hall, Market place, Walter Mileham, clerk & sec.; George Neale, keeper. VOLUNTEERS :— 3rd Volunteer Battalion Norfolk Regiment (C Co.), Hon. Major Benjamin Beckham Sapwell, commanding; H. J. Gidney, lieutenant

AYLSHAM UNION.
Board days, Tuesday, fortnightly, at the Union workhouse at Aylsham.

The Union includes the following parishes :—Alby-with-Thwaite, Aylsham, Barningham, Barningham Parva, Bellingham, Bickling, Brampton, Buxton, Calthorpe, Cawston, Colby, Coltishall, Corpusty, Erpingham, Foulsham, Gæstwick, Hackford - by - Reepham, Hautbois Magna, Hovingham, Heydon, Hindolveston, Ingworth, Irmingham, Lamas-with-Little Hautbois, Mannington, Marsham, Oulton, Oxnead, Reepham-with-Kerdstone, Sall, Saxthorpe, Sketton, Sketton Strawless, Swanton Abbott, Themelthorpe, Thurning, Tuttington, Whitwell, Wickmere, Wolterton, Wood Dalling & Wood Norton. The population of the union in 1891 was 17,452; area, 68,123 acres; rateable value, £105,152

Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee, Henry James Gidney, Aylsham
Treasurer, Hy. Birkbeck, jun. Gurney & Co.'s Bank, Norwich
Guardians' School Attendance Officer, Edward John Bird, Aylsham

Relieving & Vaccination Officers, Buxton district, Frederic W. C. Roe, Cawston road, Aylsham; Eynsford district, Alfred William Seely, Reepham

Collector of Poor Rates, Robert Proudfoot, Red Lion street
Medical Officers & Public Vaccinators, 1st district, Edward Verdon Perry, Reepham; 2nd district, William Gratwicke Heasman L.N.C.P. Lond. Alborough; 3rd district, Clement Pare Scott Wayman, Foulsham; 4th district, Frederic Little, Aylsham; 5th district, Edmund Reeve, Reepham; 6th district, Richard John Morton, Aylsham; 7th district, Hugh Taylor, Coltishall

Superintendent Registrar, Henry James Gidney, Aylsham
Deputy Superintendent Registrar, Edmund Dennis Browne, Aylsham

Registrars of Births & Deaths, Eynsford sub-district, Alfred W. Seely, Reepham; deputy, Austin Seely, Reepham; Buxton sub-district, F. W. C. Roe, Aylsham; deputy, Charles Clements, Aylsham

Registrar of Marriages for the whole union, Robert Proudfoot, Market place, Aylsham; deputy, Charles Clements, Aylsham

The workhouse, erected in 1849, is a structure of red brick in the Elizabethan style, erected to hold 619 inmates, but there are now (1892) only 101; Rev. Thomas Barnes, chaplain; Richard John Morton, medical officer; Richard Bushell, master; Mrs. Helena Bushell, matron; John W. Wesson, schoolmaster; A. C. Pumpfery, porter & labour master

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Meets at the Union, on tuesdays alternately, at 10.30 a.m.
 Clerk, Henry James Gidney, Aylsham
 Treasurer, Hy. Birkbeck, jun. Gurney & Co.'s Bank, Norwich
 Medical Officer of Health, Sir Frederic Bateman M.D. Upper
 St. Giles street, Norwich
 Sanitary Inspector, Edward John Bird, Bank st. Aylsham
 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.
 Clerk, Henry James Gidney, Aylsham
 Attendance Officer, Edward John Bird

PUBLIC OFFICERS:—

Clerk to the Hovingham & Felmingham U. D. School
 Boards, Henry James Gidney
 Clerk to the Commissioners of Income & Land Taxes,
 Robert Howlett
 Clerk to the Navigation Commissioners, Hy. G. Wright
 Collector & Assessor of Taxes, Walter Mileham, Millgate
 Inspector for the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act,
 Thomas Sidney Barker M.R.C.V.S.
 Inspector of Petroleum & of Weights & Measures, Mark
 Grimes, Bickling road

Town Crier, Samuel Maidstone, Town hall

PLACES OF WORSHIP, with times of services:—

St. Michael's Church, Rev. John Gurney Hoare M.A. vicar;
 Rev. John Matthew Glubb M.A. curate; 8 & 10.45 a.m. &
 3 & 6.30 p.m.
 Catholic, mass occasionally at the chapel at Abbots hall
 Baptist, White Hart street, Rev. John Henry Carter;
 10.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.; mon. 8 p.m.
 Gospel hall, Cawston road, 10.30 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
 Primitive Methodist, Cawston road, Rev. James Davison;
 11 a.m. & 2.30 & 6.30 p.m.; Thurs. 7.30 p.m.
 Wesleyan, White Hart street, 10.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.;
 wed. 7.30 p.m.
 Wesleyan Reformers, Millgate street, Rev. Edward Sibbey;
 2.30 & 6.30 p.m. & no-morning service

SCHOOLS:—

A free school was founded here in 1517 by Robert Janny,
 mayor of Norwich, in that year, & endowed with £40
 from the funds of King Edward VI.'s hospital at Norwich,
 but it is now merged in the National school

National, erected in 1848, for 150 boys & 150 girls; average
 attendance, 135 boys & 117 girls; Thomas Hill, master
 Mrs. Mary Ann Hill, mistress
 National (infants), for 150 children; average attendance
 87; Miss Emily Luck, mistress

RAILWAY STATIONS:—

Aylsham (Great Eastern), George T. Solomon
 Aylsham Town (Eastern & Midlands), Frank Rice, master

CONVEYANCE TO:—

NORWICH—Stapleton's omnibus from Black Boys hotel
 mon. wed. fri. & sat. at 9 a.m. returning from "Duke's
 Palace," Norwich, at 5 p.m.; extra omnibuses & vans on
 Saturdays, same hours, when required
 YARMOUTH—Bullock, Shreeve & Cook, each run wharves
 to & from, daily

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Aldous Albert Frederick, Commercial rd
 Back The Misses, Church terrace
 Bansall Walter Henry M.A. Heydon rd
 Barker Mrs. (The Beeches, Bickling rd
 Blades Arthur, White Hart street
 Bruce William, Bickling road
 Bullock Stanley, Millgate
 Calver William, Cawston road
 Carr Miss, Market place
 Carter Rev. John Henry [Baptist],
 White Hart street
 Case James Lee, Valley farm
 Clark James Blyth, Commercial road
 Clark Mrs. Commercial road
 Cook Benjamin, Hill house, Heydon rd
 Cooper Miss, Church terrace
 Cooper Rev. Ernest Simmons M.A.
 [curate of Bickling], Market place
 Copeman Miss, Bickling road
 Copeman Thomas, Bickling road
 Cross Henry Ernest, The Beeches,
 Cawston road
 Gulley Frederick, Denmark place
 Davison Rev. James [Primitive Method-
 ist], Red Lion street
 Dent Robert, Cromer road
 Dewhurst Charles Roger, Bank house
 Dixon Mrs. Cawston road
 Dunham Mrs. Church terrace
 Froslick John, Peterson's road
 Gidney Henry James, Old Bank house
 Gilbert Mrs. Clement, Cromer road
 Gillman Mrs. Cawston road
 Glubb Rev. John Matthew M.A. [curate],
 The Limes
 Gordon Chrstr. Jn. Elgin bo. Burch rd
 Goulder John, Cromer road
 Goulder Mrs. Church hill
 Gunton George, White Hart street
 Hewitt George B. St. Michael's villas,
 Cawston road
 Hoare Rev. John Gurney M.A. [vicar]
 Horstead John, Hungate street
 Horstead Miss, Hungate street
 Howlett Robert, Market place
 Ingate Lewis, jun. Oak cot. Cromer rd
 Ireland Mrs. Anthony, Sankene lodge,
 Cawston road
 Jodrell Miss, Commercial road
 Larner Miss, The Lodge, White Hart st

Le Nove Mrs. Hungate street
 Little Frederick, Manor ho. Norwich rd
 Mileham Walter, Victoria pl. Millgate
 Miller Thomas, The Limes
 Miller Watts, White Hart street
 Morton Mrs. Bushey place
 Morton Richard John, Market place
 Newgate Major-Gen. Henry Richard
 Legge J.P., C.B. Orchard house
 Page Alfred, Finfold street
 Page Henry, Hungate house
 Palmer Edgar G. Drabblegate house
 Purdy Robert John Woods, Woodgate
 house, Cawston road
 Ray John Norman, Paradise
 Rix Richard, Cawston road
 Roy Alfred, Gothic house, Hungate st
 Sawwell Major Benjamin Beckham,
 Sankence, Cawston road
 Sapwell Benjamin Beckham, jun. B.A.,
 Sankence, Cawston road
 Shephard Philip Candler J.P.
 Shuckburgh Miss, Beech gro. Pound rd
 Sibey Rev. Edward [Wesleyan Refor-
 mers], Commercial road
 Slaymaker Rev. William [Baptist],
 Buxton road
 Smith Mrs. Bickling road
 Smith Mrs. Frederick, Market place
 Smith Mrs. John, White Hart street
 Soame Miss, Cromer road
 Starling Frederick Wm. Cedar house
 Sutton Miss, Commercial road
 Tuck Mrs. Peterson's road
 Tuddenham Alexander R. Burgh rd
 Tuddenham John Henry, White Hart st
 Tuddenham Robert, Burgh road
 Wickes Mrs. The Belt
 Williams Mrs. The Grange

COMMERCIAL.

Abbott Alfred, baker, White Hart street
 & Market place
 Allen Thomas Pearson, leather dresser,
 Dunkirk
 Applegate Hy. chimney sweep, Cawstin. rd
 Applegate James, refreshment house,
 Red Lion street
 Avisham Gas Co. Limited (Walter
 Mileham, sec.; Jn. Clarke, manager)
 Aylsham Town Hall Co. Limited
 (Walter Mileham, sec)
 Baldrey George, shopkeeper, Millgate
 Bansall Walter Henry M.B. surgeon,
 Heydon road
 Barker Thomas Sidney M.R.C.V.S.
 veterinary surgeon, & inspector for
 the Contagious Diseases (Animals)
 Act, White Hart street
Bartram Robert, builder & con-
 tractor & stone & marble mason,
 Millgate street
**Beck Mark, smith, machinist
 & agricultural implement
 maker** & agent; mowers & reapers
 sold & repaired; all kinds of imple-
 ments repaired, Burgh road
 Bellward Henry, shopkeeper, Millgate
 street
 Bexfield Richard, grocer, Red Lion st
 Bird Edward John, guardians' school
 attendance officer & sanitary in-
 spector, Bank street
 Bird George, beer retailer, White Hart st
 Blackburn Matilda (Mrs.), farmer,
 Burgh road
 Blackstone Wm. hair dresser, Norwich rd
 Blotfield William, butcher, Red Lion st
 Brady & Pernt, plumbers, Church bill
 Breese James, tailor, Market place
 Browne Edmund Dennis, deputy
 superintendent registrar, Red Lion st

Bruce & Son, auctioneers & general
 agents, agents for Bagnshaw
 manures, half inch & dust; bones
 nitrate of soda, fish & other salts &
 Heydon lime; valuations made for
 probate, farm covenants &c.; special
 attention given to mill valuations &
 machinery, Bank street
 Bullock Stanley, miller (water), Millgate
 Bushell Richard, master at workhouse
 Burton Edwd. blacksmith, Red Lion st
 Case & Goulder, agts. for Laves' manures
 Case James Lee, farmer, Valley farm
 Cemetery (Henry James Gidney, clerk
 to the burial board)
 Clarke Alfred, fuller, baker, Church hill
 Clarke George, Probert, ironmonger
 Market place
 Clarke George Wm. draper, Red Lion st
 Clarke John, manager to the gas works,
 Millgate
 Clements Charles, printer, bookseller,
 stationer, news agent, fancy reposi-
 tory, & stamp distributor & deputy
 registrar of marriages & postmaster,
 Market place; & North Walsham
 Collier R. & Sons, corn & coal merchants,
 Great Eastern station; & at Attle-
 borough; Diss; Thetford & Norwich
 Connold Anna Elizabeth & Emma
 (Misses), ladies' school, Woodbine
 villa, Cromer road
 Cook Benjamin, miller (steam), Dun-
 kirk; & Iffingtonham (water)
 Cooke William, beer retailer, Hungate st
 Corder Octavius, phar. chemist, Market pl,
 County Court; (Henry James Gidney
 registrar & high bailiff), Town
 hall

Crave John, beer retailer, Dumkir
 Culley Frederick, builder, contractor,
 stone mason & timber merchant,
 Cawston road. See advertisement &
 Dale Deborah (Mrs.), hair dresser, &
 fancy repository, Red Lion street
 Davidson Jas. miller (wind), Cawston rd
Dewhurst Charles Roger, bank
 manager, insurance agent, & parish
 church warden, Bank house
 Ducker Samuel, wheelwright & beer
 retailer, White Hart street
 Ducker William, saddler, Red Lion st
 Durrell George, cowkeeper, Pound road
 Edwards John (Mrs.), china dealer,
 Market place
 Field Uriah, stone mason, Burgh road
 Forster William, solicitor, & commis-
 sioner for oaths & perpetual commis-
 sioner & clerk to the magistrates,
 Market place
 Fox John, poultry dealer, Drabbligate
 Fox Thos. watch & clock m. Red Lion st
 Fox William Ernest, fancy repository,
 White Hart street
 Frankland Richard, ironmonger &
 earthenware dealer, Hungate street
 Frostick John, farmer, Buxton road

Gidney Henry James, solicitor, & clerk
 to the burial board, guardians &
 superintendent registrar, clerk to
 assessment & school attendance com-
 mittees, rural sanitary authority & to
 Hovingham & Fellingham U.D.
 school boards, Old Bank house
 Goodwin Rt. pork bchr. White Hart st
 Goulden John, farmer, Bulwer's & Mil-
 lington farms
 Grimes Jas. butcher & farmer, Millgate
 Grimes Mark, supt. of police, inspector
 of petroleum & of weights & measures,
 Blicking road

**Gurneys, Birkbecke, Barclay &
 Buxton**, bankers (Charles Roger
 Dewhurst, manager), Market place;
 draw on Barclay, Bevan & Co. Lon-
 don E.C.

Hal Fredk. farmer, The Spa, Norwich rd
 Hammond William Herbert, Stone-
 masons Arms P.H. Millgate
 Horner Fredk. blacksmith, Cawston rd
Horstead John Maystone,
 builder & contractor, Hungate
 street; & brick maker, Ban-
 ningham
 Howe Thomas, baker & beer retailer,
 Hungate street
 Howlett Robert, clerk to the commis-
 sioners of income & land taxes & clerk
 to the Wickmere School board, Mar-
 ket place
 Hubbard Stephen, plumber, glazier,
 painter & paperhanger, Red Lion st
 Ingate Lewis & Son, coach builders,
 Cromer road
 Inland Revenue Office, Black Boys
 hotel, Market place
 Jarvis James, boot maker, Hungate st
 Jarvis Robert, boot maker, White Hart st
 Jex George, shopkeeper, Hungate st
 Kemp William, New inn, Red Lion st
 Lake James, farmer, Stonegate
 Laxen Abt. Richd. saddler & c. Market pl
 Laxen Horace, baker & confectioner,
 Red Lion street
Lemon William Plane, auctioneer
 & farmer, Stonegate & Red Lion st
 Literary Institution (C. H. Dewhurst,
 president; Albert Frederick Aldous,
 hon. sec.), Market place
 Little Frederick, surgeon, & medical offi-
 cer & public vaccinator, 4th district,
 Aylsham union, Manor house, Nor-
 wich road
 Lomax Samuel, butcher, Red Lion st

Love Frederick, furniture dealer,
 furnishing & general ironmonger &
 implement agent, oil & color mer-
 chant, Market place
 Maldstone Samuel, bailiff of county
 court, bill poster, town crier &c. back
 of Town hall
 March John, grocer, draper & provision
 dealer, Cromer road
 Martin Walter John, blacksmith, Stathe
 & Burgh
 Maude Major, chemist, Norwich road
 Medlar Cubitt, butcher, Hungate st
 Middleton John (Mrs.), shopkeeper,
 Commercial road
 Miller Henry, shoe maker, Red Lion st
 Mileham Walter, correspondent to the
 "Eastern Daily Press," "Norfolk
 News," "Norwich Mercury," &
 "Lynn Advertiser" & collector &
 assessor of taxes, Millgate
 Miller Thomas, shoe maker, Market pl
 Morton Richard John, surgeon, & medical
 officer, 6th district, & workhouse,
 Aylsham union, Market place
 Moy John, hawker, Carr's corner
 Neale Arthur, bricklayer, Cawston road
 Needham Walter, umbrella repairer,
 White Hart street
 Newton Thomas, boot & shoe maker,
 Market place
 Nicholls Susannah (Mrs.), White Horse
 P.H. & butcher, Millgate
 Nuthall & Mason, pharmaceutical
 chemists, Red Lion street
 Orton George, farmer, Stonegate
 Overton John, shopkpr. White Hart st
 Overed Walter, vet. surgeon, School la
 Paire Henry, grocer & draper, Market
 place & Red Lion street
 Partridge Daniel, butcher, Red Lion st

Pasley William, Dog Commercial hotel, cider merchant &c. posting house & railway refreshment rms. Norwich rd	Savings Bank (H. G. Wright, sec.; open monday 12 to 1), Market place
Payne Robt. Thos. fruiterer, Red Lion st	Schneider Fk. Wm. inland revenue officer
Payne William, boot & shoe dealer, Red Lion street	Seymour Berney, photographer, Commercial road
Poll Henry, farmer, Cawston road	Shepherd Philip Candler J.P. surgeon
Poll William, Bull inn, Red Lion street	Shreeve Edward, milliner & fancy draper, Red Lion street
Postle J. & Son, builders, Cawston rd	Shreeve Thomas farmer, miller (water), coal & manure merchant, Millgate, & at Buxton Laminas & Cawston
Postle John, baker & shopkpr. Cawston rd	Smith Richard, horse dealer, Burgh rd
Proudfoot Robert, shopkeeper, assistant overseer & registrar of marriages & poor rate collector, Market place	Soame Emily (Miss), young ladies' school, Cromer road
Pryke James Barnett, grocer & general draper, hatter, clothier & hosier, The Millgate stores	Soame James, farmer, The Spa
Purdy Robert John Woods, landowner & farmer, Woodgate house, Cawston rd	Soame John, farmer, Sprat's Green frm
Reading Room & Library (C. R. Dewhurst, president; Albert Frederick Aldous, hon. sec.), Market place	Spink Wm. fishmonger, Red Lion st
Reeves William, watch ma. Hungate st	Spinks William Walter, basket maker, Upper Hungate street
Roe Frederic W. O. registrar of births & deaths for Buxton sub-district, & relieving & vaccination officer for Buxton district & Aylsham union, Cawston road	Sapleton Christmas, Black Boys commercial hotel & posting house, & inland revenue office, Market place. See advertisement
Rought William, seedsman & florist, Cawston road	Starling William , furnishing & general ironmonger, oil & color man, Red Lion street
Roy Julia (Miss), private school (girls'), Gothic House school	Stevens Samuel, thrashing machine proprietor, Commercial road
Sandell George, steward to P. C. Shephard esq. J.P. Abbots hall	Sutton Susanna (Mrs.), outfitter, Red Lion street
Sands Mary Ann (Miss), dress maker, Burgh road	Taylor Jn. Cross Keys P.H. Red Lion st
Sapwell Major Benjamin Leckham, landowner & farmer, Sankence, Cawston rd	Thoday & Son , corn, cake, coal, seed & manure merchants
Sapwell Benjamin Leckham, jun. B.A., LL.B. barrister at law, Sankence, Cawston road; & 1 Garden court, Temple sq	Tight James, The Anchor P.H. & fish curer, Millgate street
	Tuddenham R. & Sons, builders, contractors, bricklayers, plasterers, undertakers & cabinet makers, Burgh road. See advertisement
	Tuddenham Fanny (Mrs.), butcher, Cawston road
	Vincent Henry, tailor, White Hart st
	Vince James, manure merchant, Dunkirk Volunteer Battalion (3rd) Norfolk Regiment (C Co.) (Hon. Major B. B. Sapwell, commanding; H. J. Gedney, lieut)
	Wade Charles Frederick, watch maker & gunsmith, Hungate street
	Wade Walter & Harry , carpenters & builders, braziers, gasfitters & bell-hangers, bicycle dealers & repairers, Penfold street
	Ward C. H. & Son, family grocers, provision merchants & drapers , agents for W. & A. Gibbey, wine & spirit merchants, & ale & stout merchants, Market place
	Ward Edward, jobbing gardener, Hungate street
	Warne Eliza. (Mrs.), farmer, The Spa
	Warne George, beer retailer & shopkeeper, Cawston road
	Whiley Walter, Unicorn P.H. Hungate st
	White William, Frankland, saddler & harness maker, Red Lion street; & Cawston & Buxton. See advertisement
	Whittaker Last, watch & clock maker, Market place
	Williamson Fras. fishmonger, Market pl
	Williamson Hy. shopkeeper, Red Lion st
	Winterborn Geo. millwright, Cawston rd
	Winterborn Jas. millwright, Cawston rd
	Winterborn Wm. shopkpr. Cawston rd
	Woodhouse Edward, Red Lion family & commercial hotel, Red Lion street
	Wright Elijah, boat builder, Millgate st
	Wright James, steward to Major B. B. Sapwell