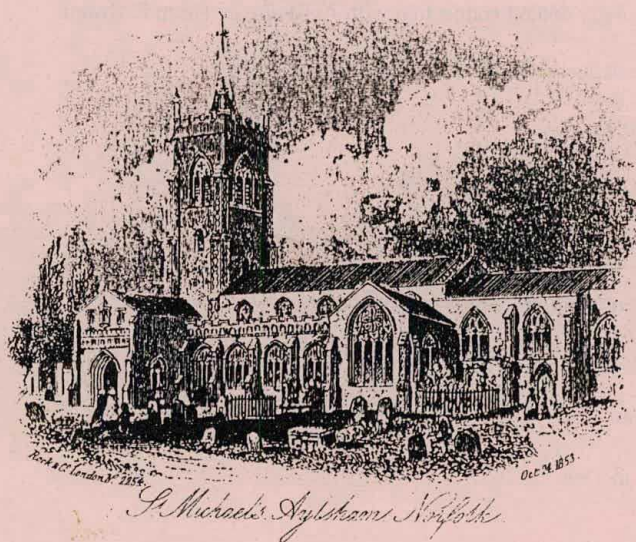


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A DECREASINGLY DISTANT CONNECTION WITH AYLSHAM

Brian P Swann

In the September 1994 Journal of the society, I described my interest in Aylsham and its surrounds, which arose through a Swan ancestor of mine. John Swan and his wife Hannah were Quakers and owned land on the boundary of Banningham and Aylsham between 1697 and 1725, at what is now Ringer's farm in Banningham. The fields in Aylsham that they owned are numbered 481 and 482 on the recently published, "*Wright's map of Aylsham*", and the farmhouse in Banningham is just shown on the parish boundary on this map. I entitled that article "*A distant connection with Aylsham*". A combination of circumstances now enables me to throw some further light on Hannah Swan and to update this account. I have discovered that I do still have Swann relations living in Aylsham, although fairly distant from my own line - hence the title of this story.

As you get further back in family history it becomes increasingly difficult to make progress, unless you are within convenient range of the appropriate Record Office. Since Camberley is over 150 miles from Norwich this was clearly not the case for me. Consequently, I decided in 1992 to write to all the Swann families having an address in the Norfolk telephone directory (62 names in all) to see if I could enlist any local help. I received about six replies, most of which were not of immediate, direct interest. Indeed they often seemed to say that their family had retired quite

recently to Norfolk from another county in England. I did have one helpful phone call from a lady in Cromer, which led eventually to one of her cousins living in Norwich, whose mother had been a Swann. This enabled me to obtain a copy of the funeral card of my great-great grand-mother, Elizabeth Swann, née Picton, after whom my middle name had descended in my branch of the family. This gave her date of birth in December 1804, about seven months before she was baptised at Cosheston in July 1805. Cosheston is a small village on the banks of the Cleddau river in Pembrokeshire. How she migrated from Pembrokeshire to Norfolk in the 1820s is another story.

Another of the letters came from (Harold) John Swann of Swann's Nurseries in Aylsham, a gentleman well-known to several local readers of this Journal. He could give an account of his own family back to his father, Stanley John Swann (1893-1972), and knew that his grandfather's name was Henry Albert Swann. I could not see immediately how this branch fitted into any of my Swan(n) families, and so I just placed the letter on file. I knew there were Swan(n) families in Aylsham from earlier periods in the 19th. century, but I had not conducted much research on them at that time.

However, over Christmas 1994, it suddenly struck me as to how all these early Aylsham families could fit in to a family based in Norwich, on whom I did have extensive documentation. I had a John Swan in this Norwich family, baptised at St. Martin at Oak in 1783, who was an ideal candidate. It became clear to me that he had married Mary Spink at Banningham in 1802, but all of their children were baptised at St. Martin at Oak between 1803 and 1822. They then returned to live in Aylsham, and many of their children migrated back there also over the years. The christian names given to the children of John and Mary Swann matched with those of the earlier family in Norwich.

Consequently, I called (Harold) John Swann around New Year, and suggested that with the purchase of his grandfather's marriage and birth certificates I could probably link his family into my own branch, around 1700, and thus trace our families back to 1695. He said he was very interested, but I should speak to his daughter, Jayne Cook (née Swann), who is now living at Bury St. Edmunds. She was a teacher, having specialised in history at Training College, and had always wanted to do this sort of thing, and, of course, she was staying here at Aylsham for New Year! Jayne was very enthusiastic. The certificates worked out as proposed,

a quick look at the early census returns for Aylsham at the PRO - and we are now seventh cousins! So I have managed eventually to 'recruit' a local family member. (Harold) John Swann, at first sight, might appear to have migrated all of three miles in 300 years from where his forebears lived. However, there is approximately a 100 year span (1725-1822) in the middle where the family was based in Norwich.

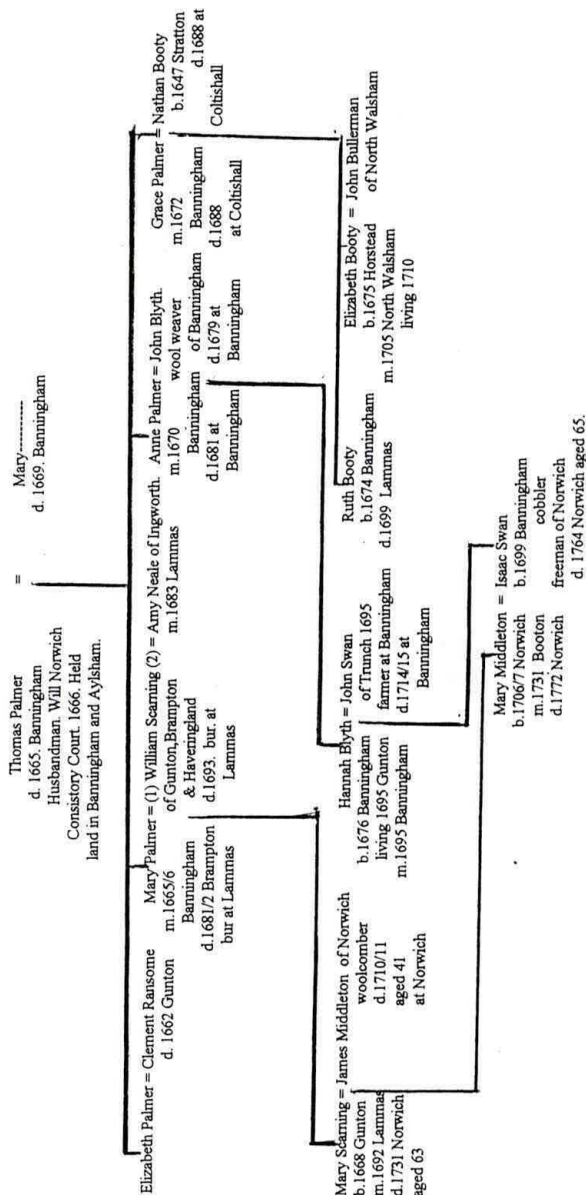
I mentioned also in my previous article that I had just located the Quaker marriage of my earliest definite forebear, John Swan of Trunch to Hannah Blyth of Gunton at Banningham in 1695, via the original Quaker registers of the Yarmouth Monthly Meeting, at the Public Record Office. I knew also that on the shelves of the Society of Genealogists in London, was a typescript document, compiled in the 1920s and deposited in 1970. It listed all the early Quaker families in Norfolk before 1700 from the surviving registers. Armed with Hannah Blyth's surname, I was quite soon able to track down that her parents were John and Ann Blyth, formerly Palmer. They were married at Banningham in 1670, and Hannah Blyth was born in 1676. Her father, John Blyth, died in 1679 at Banningham, leaving an administration. Her mother, Ann Blyth, died in 1681 at Banningham leaving three surviving children. Hannah Blyth would have been aged about five at the time of her mother's death, and the youngest surviving child. Clearly she was brought up by one or more of her relations.

Evidence from the places given at death in the Quaker registers for the Yarmouth Monthly Meetings of her surviving elder brother and sister, who died between 1681 and 1686, suggested that they had been taken in by their aunt, Grace Palmer, sister to Ann Palmer, who had married Nathan Booty in 1672 at Banningham.

They were also Quakers, living initially at Banningham, then migrating to Brampton and Coltishall. However, both Grace and Nathan Booty died within a few months of each other in 1688, and so another move must have occurred for Hannah Blyth, by then the only surviving child and aged about 12. Grace and Nathan Booty also had three surviving children at this time.

I recently obtained the will of Martha Ransome of Gunton, who died in 1692. Martha Ransome was the only surviving child of the marriage of Elizabeth Palmer to Clement Ransome, which took place at North Walsham in 1656. Elizabeth Palmer was the eldest sister to Ann Palmer, who had

QUAKER CONNECTIONS OF ISAAC SWAN AND MARY MIDDLETON



Nathan Booty of Colishall (d. 1688) probably had a brother, William Booty of Lammas, a Quaker who married Elizabeth ? and died at Lammas in 1699. His widow, Elizabeth Booty, died in 1710 at Lammas. Amongst other people she mentioned her kinswoman, Elizabeth Bullerman, in her will [her niece by marriage]. Nathan Booty could well have been born at Stratton in south Norfolk in 1647, the son of John and Elizabeth Booty. This would provide a link between the early Quaker Meeting at Tivetshall (1663) and those at Banningham, Lammas and North Walsham.

married John Blyth. Martha Ransome would have been aged about 32. She left all her estate to her mother, Elizabeth Ransome, who was still living at Gunton. Her husband, Clement Ransome, had died many years ago in 1662. However, the invaluable clue on this will was that one of the witnesses was Hannah Blyth. I believe this constitutes as good evidence as you are likely to obtain that Hannah Blyth thus went from Coltishall to live with her other aunt, Elizabeth Ransome, at Gunton on the death of her aunt, Grace Booty in 1688. This would account for her being at Gunton as recorded on her marriage to John Swan in 1695.

Thus, Ann Palmer had three other sisters [Elizabeth, Mary and Grace Palmer] all of whom married into Quaker families. Their father and mother were Thomas and Anne Palmer of Banningham. Thomas Palmer, husbandman, died in 1665 at Banningham and left a will (Norwich Consistory Court, 1666). His death is one of the earliest entries in the Quaker records of the Norwich Monthly Meeting. One of John Swan's sons, Isaac Swan, ancestor of the Aylsham branch, moved to Norwich and became a freeman and a cobbler. He also married his second cousin, one Elizabeth Middleton. She was the daughter of James and Mary Middleton. Mary Middleton was born Mary Scarning, and was the only surviving daughter of William Scarning and his wife, Mary Palmer, sister to Ann Palmer, and the only one of the sisters not mentioned before in this story.

This account provides a vivid illustration of the support given by families to their kin in times of distress. This was a characteristic of the Quakers and is described in more detail in an article by Muriel F. Lloyd Prichard "Norfolk Friends' care of their poor 1700-1850" in the *Journal of the Friends Historical Society*. 1947. Vol. 39 pp.18-32.

All of these early Quaker interconnections have certainly sparked my interest in the origins of the Quaker movement in North East Norfolk. Early Meetings are recorded at Banningham, North Walsham and Lammas. These early Quaker Meetings probably took place in individual's houses. From the Quaker registers in the PRO it is recorded that marriages took place in the houses of Robert Miller of Banningham in 1664 and 1666; John Allen of Lammas in 1666; William Scarning of Banningham in 1670 and John Blyth of Banningham [Hannah Blyth's father] in 1672. There are some useful chapters in the recent publication "*Religious Dissent in East Anglia*" edited by Norma Virgoe and Tom Williamson. CEAS. U.E.A. 1993. There are other materials, both in the Norfolk Record

Office and at the headquarters of the Society of Friends. However, these will have to await another article perhaps. Before the Toleration Act of 1689 the Quakers could be prosecuted and imprisoned for their beliefs, so you needed to be resilient to pursue this faith.

One final observation. Thomas Palmer's will mentions he owned land in Banningham and Aylsham. Examination of the published 1664 Hearth Tax return for these two parishes shows Thomas Palmer taxed on two hearths in Banningham only. This could suggest that his house was in Banningham, but the land stretched across the parish boundary. This is exactly the same situation found a generation later with John and Hannah Swan, as described in my September 1994 article. Is it indeed the same land? Only time and those elusive manorial records will tell!

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THE OXNEAD JACKDAW. 1800

"For a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which has wings shall tell the matter"..... ECCLESIASTES X 20

The glories of Oxnead had departed. Kings and Queens, Dukes and Duchesses no longer in the hall or walk on the terraces. It had passed away from the ancient family of the Pastons. Of the mansion which had been enlarged and decorated by Sir Robert Paston, the first Earl of Yarmouth, little remained but a wing which had been a portion of the offices and had been converted into a residence for the tenant who farms the estate. But although no longer visited by the nobles of the land, genial hospitality was still maintained in the Hall by Mr. Repton who occupied it at the time of the event I am about to narrate.

On Sundays, after the morning service in the church, he, Mr. Repton, was in the habit of entertaining at an early dinner, the Rector, the Rev. Taswell, and a few other friends; Mr. Kent, an estate agent in the neighbourhood, then living at Rippon Hall, being generally one of the guests.

The afternoons were spent in strolling over the fields and grounds, and visiting the church. On one occasion when resting in the churchyard, the conversation turned on the immortality of the soul. It was the time of the Revolution in France when the country was flooded with infidel publications which appear to have shaken the faith of some of the party, who held the opinion that there was no future life beyond the grave. At the conclusion the Rector said,

"Well, if there is a world beyond this, when I reach it I will return and tell you."

"In what form will you come?" said Mr. Kent.

The jackdaws were sitting on the old church tower, and pointing to them, he said,

"It shall be in the form of a jackdaw."

Words lightly spoken and as lightly received. Before a year had passed, the rector died and was buried. The tablet to his memory may be seen on the north wall of the church. The Sunday after the funeral, Mr. Repton and Mr. Kent took their accustomed walk and went to visit the grave of their departed friend. No sooner had they entered the churchyard than a jackdaw pounced down from the tower and settled on Mr. Kent's shoulder. In vain were all their efforts to drive it away; wherever they went it still pursued them, until at length they were driven to take refuge in the Hall. The bird then perched on Mr. Kent's carriage where it remained until the night set in. The narrator of the above added that Mr. Kent was much affected by the circumstances and never liked to hear it lightly alluded to in his presence.

Such is the tradition of the Oxnead jackdaw.....

The editor is grateful to Mrs. Joan Farrow of Buxton who supplied this article, which comes from an old manuscript. Mrs. Farrow adds that memorial stones to both the Rev. Taswell and Mr. Repton can be seen in the church; the former on the floor near the organ, and the latter on the north wall of the nave. The Rev. William Taswell was a former vicar of Aylsham and died 9th. June 1800 at the age of 63.

EDITOR

SOCIETY NEWS

Religious Women in Mediæval East Anglia - On the 23rd. February members attended a lecture at the Friendship Club given by Roberta Gilchrist on 'Religious women in Mediæval East Anglia' It was a most informative lecture which was amply illustrated with excellent slides.

Roberta Gilchrist explained the complexities of various groups of mediæval religious women in East Anglia. There were nuns and anchoresses who lived out their vocations within the framework of the church. Nuns in monastic communities followed a specific rule or order, and were either Benedictine, Augustine, Cistercian or Poor Clares. Another religious group of women of this period became hospital sisters who attended to the sick and poor. The Anchoresses took vows, but were removed from society by being walled up into small cells attached to a church. These cells had only a small grill or narrow slit through which they received food and communicated with the outside world. All mediæval groups of religious women devoted their time to prayer, whether they cared for the sick and poor or maintained their convents and monastic establishments. In addition, there were the daughters of the aristocracy and rich widows who brought money to established female religious communities, or formed their own communities. Some mediæval women were hermits and lived in uninhabitable areas and led a life of isolated prayer.

The lecture time was limited, but all those who attended learned a great deal. It is fortunate that a book published by the Centre of East Anglian Studies, written by Roberta Gilchrist and Marilyn Oliva and entitled "*Religious Women in Mediæval East Anglia*" is available for those who wish to follow up this lecture, or for those who unfortunately could not attend.

The society is grateful to Roberta Gilchrist for her stimulating lecture which was greatly appreciated by the members. ELIZABETH GALE

Norfolk's Industrial Past - was the subject of the March lecture to the society. This title does not fill one with joyful anticipation, but Mary Manning's riveting talk captivated her large attentive audience. She spoke fluently about the local industries, before showing the excellent slides.

This preparation made them interesting and more intelligible.

She explained that Norfolk was fortunate in having natural building materials - chalk, lime, flint and clay. This led to the brick making industry. The good quality farmland built on the technical innovations of the past, encouraged good husbandry and led to the growth of industries connected with agriculture - foundries, engineering work, development of artificial fertilizers etc. Land drainage technology grew from windmills to sophisticated pumping agencies. These were as well-known as the Norfolk silks and cloths. Mrs. Manning reminded us of the fame of Aylsham linens and stockings and said that Jane Austen was proud to own '*a Norwich shawl*'. Few of us knew that the Paisley pattern was invented in Norwich. The making of all kinds of fabrics flourished. There was a memorable slide of an elegant five-storied building for cloth manufacturers built in 1830, and now used by Jarrolds for their printing works.

The tanning industry made Norwich famous for its shoes. Reed's mill was well known for its excellent flour, and Colman's mustard was a household word. Watneys was a notorious name because it destroyed the Norfolk brewing industry. At one time barley malt was exported to Australia. Hemp and flax were needed for rope and sails for the growing fishing industry. The fishing boats needed ports, repair yards, chandlers; oilskins for the crews and baskets for the fish. There was employment for a lot of people - most of it skilled. We learned a multitude of facts - about the thatching industry, the holiday industry, the coming of 'modern' inventions such as town gas, and the coming of the railways and the effect these last two had on ordinary people's lives. She mentioned the work of two remarkable men; - Chapman of Lotus and Mr. Money of razor-blade fame. Many in the audience remembered the bombers and other military aircraft made by Boulton & Pauls. They also made early conservatories, and early "pre-fabs" which groups of their workmen would accompany and erect on site.

Mrs. Manning ended her talk by reminding us nostalgically of a time when a small town would be a hive of industry with its farmers, butchers, bakers, wig makers and corset makers, and left many of us wishing we had lived in Norfolk's Industrial past. We all certainly enjoyed hearing about it and are eager to know more another time. URSULA WARREN

The Tudor and Stuart home - In March 1988, Richard Wood talked to our members on "Marriage a la mode" [reported in Vol.2 No.1 - May 1988] dealing with marriage customs through the ages. It seems a natural follow-up to talk to us on this occasion on what should follow the marriage - i.e. setting up the home. Between 40 and 50 members were entertained by his talk on April 28th. at the Friendship Club. With the aid of numerous slides, Richard Wood took us through the progress of domestic architecture from the time of the early Tudors to that of the late Stuarts, showing how a gradual improvement took place in the quality and comfort of the actual buildings, and in the greater sophistication of their contents. It was a most interesting and entertaining talk, and as usual we learned quite a lot. I for one had never realised that Tudor people slept in sloping beds! **T.W.M**

Visit to Castle Rising and King's Lynn -

Rising was a sea-port
When Lynn was but a marsh
Now Lynn is the sea-port
And Rising fares the worse

About twenty-five members and friends went on this visit to Castle Rising and King's Lynn, on Thursday 11th. May. We travelled in a very luxurious coach with all modern conveniences, through some slight rain, by way of Holt and Fakenham with the plentiful May blossom being buffeted by a cold north wind. The remains of the great castle, probably built by William d'Albini in 1138, are still impressive; roofless, yet standing to a great height. We followed the narrow passages and winding stairs in the company of many school children, who made lighter work of the ups and downs than many of us did. The size of the earthworks is extraordinary - rising well over 100 feet - started by the Romans, added to by the Saxons, and finally raised by the Normans, they must be amongst the biggest in the country. Some of our party visited the church - much restored last century, but containing some Norman work - but saw no sign of the eleven old ladies of the almshouses who wear their long red cloaks and pointed hats when they go to church on Sundays.

And so on to King's Lynn. The coach nosed into a coach park at Austin Fields, though no sign of greenery as this was the industrial and dockland end of King's Lynn. We made our way to the historic part of the

town by finding the vast Tuesday Market Place. Fine buildings line this open space of several acres, but elsewhere, attempts to build new shopping centres have resulted in a High St. townscape of chain stores, cheek by jowl. However, after a period for lunch we met our guides who were to show us a very different King's Lynn. The party split into two groups. One guide was warmly clad in a wind proof anorak and gloves, the other - who became our guide - was wearing a blazer, thin shirt and tie, and told us that he did not feel the cold. We did! We went first to look at St. Margaret's church with its two different towers. Founded in 1101 by Bishop Losinga, it seems that the towers were built on the site of an early saltern - part of the salt making industry on which the town was established. The resulting lack of stability can be seen inside at the base of the building. There is a history of falling down and re-building, and attempts at underpinning are still in hand. The right hand tower has a most interesting moon clock which can be seen by mariners coming into port and enables them to judge the depth of water beneath them.

We saw within the church, the misericords dating from 1370, and two brasses which are the largest in England [about 9ft x 5ft.], one of which depicts the famous peacock feast. Both are filled with lovely details of tiny figures. We followed our guide through a maze of alleyways and courtyards lying between the busy one-way streets filled with endless traffic, and the lively Quayside busy with huge grain lorries, (all going backwards) whilst a coaster loaded grain from huge and noisy overhead pipes from silos. But, in between, there were quiet courtyards, and gardens with Judas trees in blossom. One could often see how warehouses had been extended as the waterfront moved westward. There were great houses of rich merchants who held strangleholds over the import of goods - wine for the Cambridge colleges, for example. Petitioning the king in 1373, the merchants of Lynn claimed that they could supply the needs of seven counties. We saw the cannon-ball fired by the Parliamentarians, which struck St. Margaret's.

We saw Thoresby College and Hampton Court, and the lovely Customs House, now back on lease to Lynn, and finally said good-bye to our guide in the Tuesday Market place. We set off to locate our coach somewhere beyond Norfolk St. and if it had not been for the map, and some good map reading by an ex-orienteer, we might still be dodging from traffic lights to similar looking traffic lights, but the map and other information

supplied by Valerie Belton meant that everyone reached the coach more or less on time. Valerie must be thanked for all the research she put in beforehand, which helped to make this a successful and memorable outing. Thank goodness for a nice warm coach on the way back.!

Peter Holman

NOTES & QUERIES

Aylsham Ladies Association - Miss Rachel Young of Norwich has enquired about the existence of a group called 'The Aylsham Ladies Association'. She has found an invitation card on which a Lady Durrant, President of the Association, invited a Mrs. Barble(?) to a meeting about *The Royal Eastern Counties Institution for Idiots, Imbeciles and the Feeble-minded, Colchester*. There was to be an address and a show of work by the inmates. The address is Scottow Hall, Norfolk. (presumably where the talk would take place, and the home of Lady Ina) The style of the card suggests a date of the early 20th. century.

There is no mention in the Town Archives, nor any reference in Sapwell about an 'Aylsham Ladies Association' - Can anyone help?

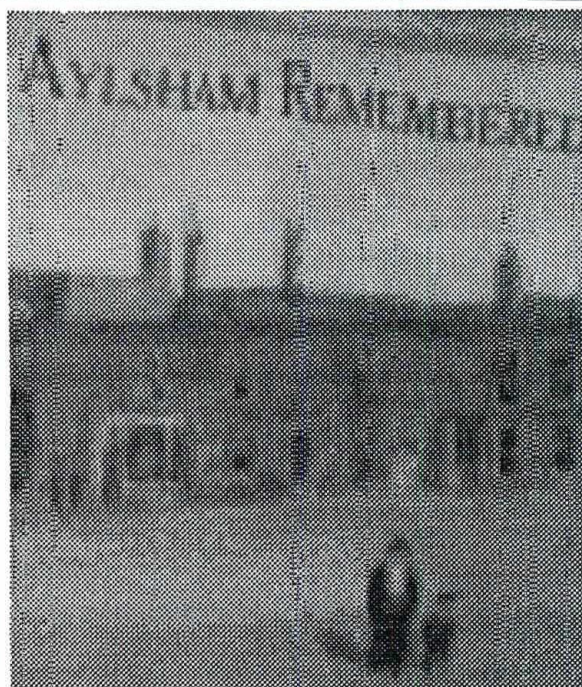
The Hakes - In the previous issue of the Journal, Molly Long asked "what are the hakes?" Mary Ferroussat of Blakeney phoned with her definition - 'The hakes are the pot hook with ratcheted bar to which the cooking utensil is suspended. The whole usually fitted into the kitchen fireplace' It would obviously soon be coated in soot, hence "*black as the hakes*".

BURSTING INTO PRINT

With this issue, we record a flurry of new titles on the local history of Aylsham, produced by the society and others. Apart from Dr. Sapwell's book there was little else written on Aylsham's history, but slowly this is all changing. The two centre pull-out pages of this issue advertise two new

titles published by the society - *"Wright's map of Aylsham. 1839"* and the celebratory booklet, *"A Backward Glance"*, which covers aspects of Aylsham's history which were explored in last year's exhibition in the Town Hall. Order forms for both titles are included with the notice. In addition to these, a third book published by the society and edited by Julian Eve, - *"The Poor law in Aylsham"* is already available, and selling well and can be obtained directly from Julian.

Our society is not alone in contributing to the history of Aylsham's past. The Town Council has also produced an excellent, illustrated publication recording 100 years of the town's history during the 100 years of the Parish Council's existence. This new book is, *"Aylsham Remembered"* profusely illustrated with photographs from the Town's



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The book has been compiled by the two honorary archivists who are also both members of this society. "*Aylsham Remembered*" was officially launched at a reception in the Town Hall on Friday, 26th. May before an invited audience. The occasion was also used to open the 100+ years old bottle discovered in the parish church, and to reveal the contents. (See article by Liz Jones on p.177)

VE/VJ COMMEMORATION, MONDAY MAY 8th 1995

Molly Long

On Sunday, May 7th. a service was held at Burgh church to commemorate the 50th. anniversary of the ending of World War 2. The Rev. Hewitson took the service and the Royal British Legion standards from the Aylsham Branch were carried by David Smith and Eve Kett.

On the Monday, a United service was held on the Recreation Ground, with the Rev. John Pumphrey officiating as Padre to the British Legion, and with clergy of all denominations taking part. Afterwards, a tea was laid on in the High School for 600 people, by members of the Womens Institutes.

The evening of VE Day was celebrated in fine style at the Ex-Servicemen's Club in Hungate St. Many of the participants were in 1940s costume. There were Land Army girls, Factory workers, a Merchant Seaman, a Bomber Pilot in an original set of flying gear, many members of the British Army, and an Air Raid Warden (George Chamberlain - R.B.L. Chairman) who kept order and allowed no showing of light! Others sported fancy hats and clothes with a red white and blue theme, and a goodly supply of the Union flag was provided to wave.

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OF
AYLSHAM

Prepared by
James Wright

1839

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Wright's Map of Aylsham: 1839

The 1839 Wright's Map has now been published by the society and covers 12 separate A4 sheets. Each are numbered and each sheet can be identified using the separate key map. Also included is an A3 sheet which shows the centre of Aylsham at a larger scale. Associated with these maps are a set of spiral-bound schedules. These schedules, which were compiled at the same time as the map, list the sites, owners and the occupiers of each area.

This package of maps and schedules comes in a plastic folder. We are planning to produce the map in response to the orders received, and as a consequence there may be a slight delay between placing your order and delivery of the map.

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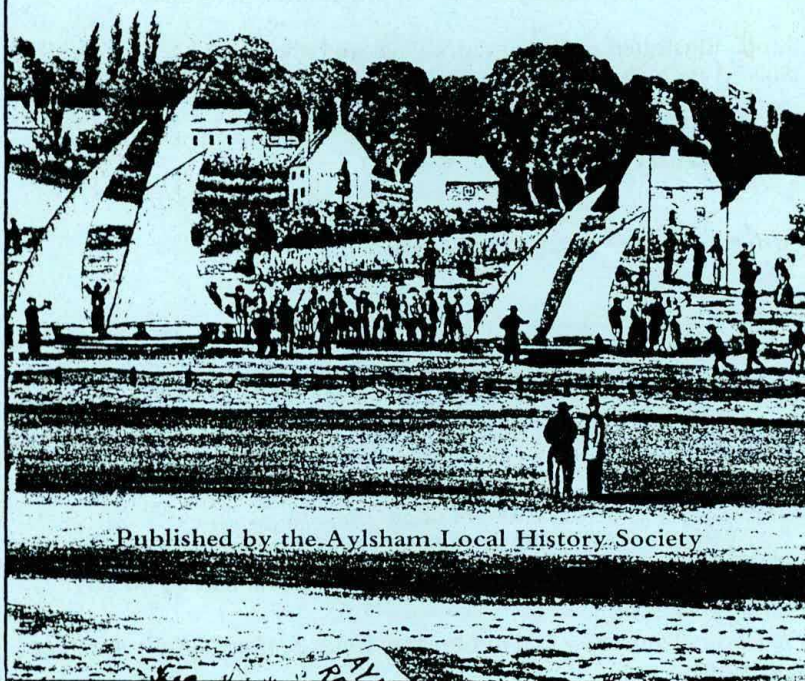
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“Events in Aylsham’s past”



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A Backwards Glance

This new publication by the Aylsham Local History Society arose from an exhibition the Society held in 1994 to celebrate its tenth anniversary. Some of the material used in the exhibition has now been presented in this new form. A focal point in the exhibition was a Time Chart which paralleled Aylsham history with world events.

In a *Backwards Glance* the time chart has been redesigned to fit the printed page, and it relates events affecting Aylsham just before 500AD through to the present time.

Other articles cover a range of travel over the last 200 years via road, rail and water that operated to and from Aylsham. One of the last accounts is of the flooding that took place in Aylsham two years ago. The final article in this book is about oral history, which illustrates a new aspect of this Society's research programme in Aylsham.

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There was a great sing-along to 1940s music and 1940s food namely "*Bully-beef and wad*" was served. The two-minutes silence was observed. The whole evening was a mixture of reminiscence, nostalgia and good humour with everyone having a good time. VE beer was served at 75p. a pint, and club doubles of spirits at £1. The Club stewards, Mike and Sheila Diss, were also suitably costumed. A raffle held raised £180 for the Poppy Appeal.

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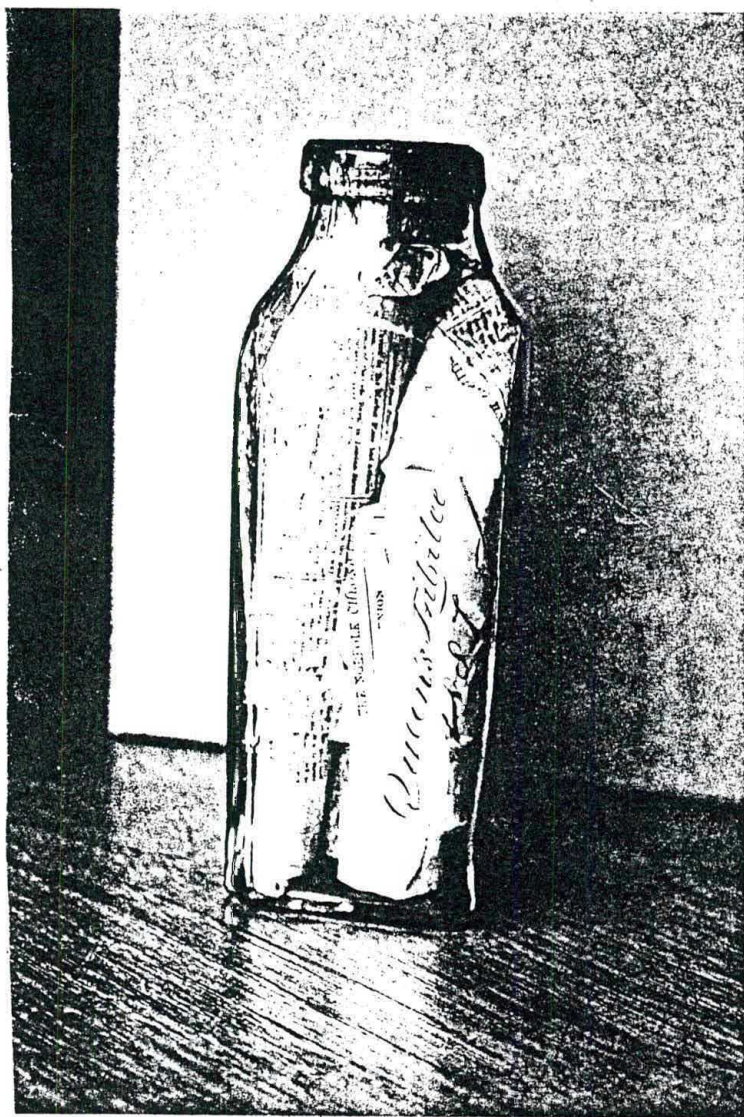
Liz Jones

As readers will know, each church is obliged to have a detailed inventory which needs checking and updating, at least annually. One of the occasions when it must be available for inspection is during an Archdeacon's Visitation.

For a variety of reasons, the inventory for St. Michael's church, Aylsham, was undertaken during the mid-1980s, and the Archdeacon was due to make his Visitation during the Festival Weekend in July last year. I can assure you that the last thing I needed was to undertake a complete inventory! Imagine, if you will, counting hymn books and kneelers, not to mention choir robes and chairs. The valuable items of silver, gilt and brass were much easier - less in number!

It was during a check on the contents of the safe that I found hidden at the back, covered in many years dust and grime, a bottle. A closer look revealed it was, in fact, a 'time capsule'. It was possible to see part of a copy of the *Norfolk Chronicle*, the equivalent of today's *North Norfolk News*. There were also details visible of the vicar and churchwardens' names, and of the year - 1887 - Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

Sadly over the years, the container had been damaged, with one corner missing. It was clear that the contents had begun to deteriorate, and the church safe was probably not the best place for storage. During the Visitation, permission was given by the Archdeacon to present the capsule to the Town Archives, where proper care would be given to the contents. I understand the bottle will be opened and the contents stored in a more suitable manner.



The glass bottle 'time capsule' found in St. Michael's Church safe

[Liz was quite right, the bottle was opened and the contents revealed on Friday, 26th. May on the evening when the book "*Aylsham Remembered*" was officially launched. As the bottle was so well sealed, the only way to get it open without smashing it completely, was to cut the neck off in advance, without disturbing the contents. The contents were removed for the first time that night by Liz Jones.

What were the contents? I hear you ask. Well, we found:-

- 1) A paper label inscribed - "Queen's Jubilee 1887, Aylsham"
Robert Hake. *Vicar*
R.J.W. Purdy
H.C. Wright *Churchwardens*
- 2) Facsimile of the *Norfolk Chronicle* October 28th. 1809 [issued as a supplement to *Norfolk Chronicle* of June 25th. 1887]
- 3) Complete issue of *Norfolk Chronicle* for June 25th 1887.
- 4) Handwritten scroll recording the dinner in the Market Place to celebrate the Golden Jubilee.
Dinner for 1785 inhabitants with list of provisions and costs (£144-3-4) dinner held 21st. June 1887.
- 5) Poster printed by Clements of Aylsham to advertise the above.
- 6) Smaller poster advertising Blickling Jubilee sports held on 18th. June 1887
- 7) Faded sepia photograph of the actual dinner in the Market Place.
- 8) Pages 7/8 of the Eastern Daily Press 23rd June 1897 recording Aylsham's celebration of the Diamond Jubilee

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DIARY DATES

JULY

Wed. 5th. Dragon Hall - conducted tour. Tony Egglestone 7pm. **N.H.S.**

Thur .6th. Oral History - Mr. D. Butcher. **NIAS**

SEPTEMBER

Wed .6th. Monuments of Norwich Cathedral. - Jon Finch. **NHS**

Thur. 7th. **NIAS** - The first 25 years. - Mary and Derek Manning and Friends. **NIAS**

16-17th. **NORFOLK HISTORY FAIR** at Caistor St. Edmond Roman Town.

N.H.S. = Norfolk Heraldry Society, meets C.E.A.S at U.E.A. 7.45pm.

N.I.A.S. = Norfolk Industrial Archaeological Soc. meets at the Bridewell Museum. 7.30pm.

AYLSHAM IN 1896

This entry from the county directories is taken from Kelly's *Directory of Norfolk* for 1896. In all our extracts from the directories, this one is something of a milestone. It is the last directory for the 19th. century. The next directory entry will be the first in the 20th. century; [i.e. Kelly's *Directory for 1900*].

It has taken us from 1985 to work our way through the 19th. century directories. We should just about complete our way through the 20th. century directories before we ourselves arrive in the 21st. - but only just!

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 Midland and Great Northern joint railway, and is 12 miles north from Norwich, 7 west from North Walsham and $125\frac{1}{2}$ from London, 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 10 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, c. 1490, with effigy in almuce and scrolls; and to Robert Farman and Katherine, his wife, c. 1490, 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 Humphrey 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 £489, gross yearly value £520, net £206, including 5 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and 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 Street, Primitive Methodist on the Cawston road, Wesleyan in White Hart street, Reformed Wesleyan in Millgate, and the Gospel hall on the Cawston road; adjoining Mr. Philip Shephard's residence 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 the Parish Council. The Town Hall, in the Market place, the property of William Forster esq. is a structure of red brick, and has a public reading room and literary institute attached. Fairs are held yearly on March 23rd and last Tuesday in September. A Savings Bank was established in 1818. Cressey's charity of £31 6s. 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. J.P. 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, Marchio-

ness 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. Orchard House is the property of Major-Gen. Henry Richard Legge Newdigate C.B., J.P. The principal landowners are Constance, Marchioness of Lothian, Robert John Woods Purdy esq. Charles Louis Buxton esq. of Marsham, Philip Candler Shephard esq. J.P., Lt.-Col. Benjamin Beckham Sapwell, Col. Edward John Stracey-Clitherow, of Brentford, James Redfoord Bulwer esq. Q.C., Mrs. Sapwell, the Rev. Robert Alfred Rackham M.A. of Whatfield Rectory, the trustees of the late Thomas Henry Case esq. and a few smaller owners. The area is 4,305 acres of land and 25 of water; rateable value, £10,343; in 1891 the population of the parish was 2,533, including 125 officers and inmates in the workhouse.

Parish Clerk & Sexton of Cemetery, George Neale, Town hall; Henry Parnell, cemetery keeper

Post, M. O. & T. O., T. M. O., Express Delivery, S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office (Railway sub-office, Letters should have R.S.O. Norfolk added).—Mrs. Gertrude Dunn, postmistress. Letters are delivered at 7.0 & 10.20 a.m. & 5.40 p.m.; dispatched at 9.35 a.m. 12.15, 5.40 & 7.45 p.m.; sundays, delivery 7.30 a.m.; dispatched at 5.15 p.m. Wall Letter Boxes.—Millgate, cleared 8.30 & 11.30 a.m. 4.50 & 7.40 p.m. week days only; Cawston road, cleared 8.30. a.m. 12 noon, 4.45 & 7.25 p.m

County Magistrates for South Erpingham Petty Sessional Division.

Buxton Charles Louis esq. Bolwick hall, Marsham, Norwich, chairman

Orford Earl of D.L. Mannington hall, Aylsham

Bolton Walter Henry esq. Oulton hall, Aylsham

Gorell Robert Atkinson esq. The Old hall, Coltishall, Norwich

Hickling John Shephard esq. Cawston

Keppel Col. Edward George, Coltishall, Norwich

Marsham Major Henry Savill D.L. Rippon hall, Hevingham, Norwich

Rogers Richard esq. M.A. The Hall, Coltishall, Norwich

Sewell Philip Edward esq. Clare house, New Catton

Shephard Philip Candler esq. Aylsham

Stedman J. H. esq. Burgh hall, 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, Banningham, Barningham Parva, Belaugh, Blickling, Booton, Brampton, Burgh-next-Aylsham, Buxton, Calthorpe, Cawston, Colby, Coltishall, Corpusty, Erpingham, Hautbois Magna, Hevingham, Heydon, Ingworth, Irmingland, Itteringham, Lammas-with-Hautbois Parva, Mannington, Marsham, Oulton, Oxnead, Saxthorpe, Scottow, Skeyton, Stratton Strawless, Swanton Abbott, Tuttington, Wickmere & Wolterton

Rural District Council.

Meets at the Union, on tuesdays alternately, at 10.30 a.m.
Clerk, Henry James Gidney, Aylsham
Treasurer, Hy. Birkbeck, Barclay & Co. Limited, Aylsham
Medical Officer of Health, Herbert Hatfield Back M.B.Lond.

Rcepham

Sanitary Inspector, Edward John Bird, Bank st. Aylsham

Public Establishments :—

Cemetery, Henry James Gidney, clerk

County Court, held at the Town hall bi-monthly, His Honor J— E— W— Addison Q.C., B.A. judge ; Hy. Jas. Gidney, registrar & high bailiff. The district comprises the following parishes :—Alby-with-Thwaite, Aylsham, Alderford, Banningham, Barningham Parva, Belaugh, Blickling, Brampton, Booton, Burgh, Brandiston, Buxton, Calthorpe, Cawston, Colby, Coltishall, Corpusty, Erpingham, Foulsham, Guestwick, Hackford, Hautbois Magna, Haveringland, Hevingham, Heydon, Hindolveston, Ingworth, Irmingland, Itteringham, Lammas-with-Hautbois Parva, Mannington, Marsham, Oulton, Oxnead, Reepham-with-Kerdistone, Sall, Saxthorpe, Scottow, Skeyton, Stratton Strawless, Swanton Abbot, Swanington, Themelthorpe, Thurning, Tuttington, Whitwell, Wickmere, Witchingham (Great), Witchingham (Little), Wood Dalling, Wood Norton & Wolterton

For Bankruptcy purposes this court is included in that of Norwich, Harry Pearce Gould, 8 King street, Norwich, official receiver

Certified Bailiff appointed under "The Law of Distress Amendment Act," Sidney Ernest Bruce, Bank st. Aylsham
County Police Station, Blickling road, Mark Grimes, superintendent & 14 constables

Gas Company, Henry James Gidney, sec. ; Thomas Henry Oates, manager, Mill gate
Town Hall, Market place, Walter E. Tuttle, sec. ; George Neale, keeper
Volunteers :—
3rd Volunteer Battalion Norfolk Regiment (C Co.), Hon. Major Henry James Gidney, commanding ; T. W. Purdy, lieutenant

Aylsham Union.

Board days, tuesday, fortnightly, at the Union workhouse at Aylsham.

The Union includes the following parishes :—Alby-with-Thwaite, Aylsham, Banningham, Barningham Parva, Belaugh, Blickling, Brampton, Burgh, Buxton, Calthorpe, Cawston, Colby, Coltishall, Corpusty, Erpingham, Foulsham, Guestwick, Hackford - by - Reepham, Hautbois Magna, Hovingham, Heydon, Hindolveston, Ingworth, Irmington, Itteringham, Lammas-with-Little Hautbois, Mannington, Marsham, Oulton, Oxnead, Reepham-with-Kerdistone, Sall, Saxthorpe, Scottow, Skepton, Stratton, Strawless, Swanton Abbott, Themelthorpe, Thurning, Tuttington, Whitwell, Wickmere, Wolterton, Wood Dalling & Wood Norton. The population of the union in 1891 was 17,452 ; area, 69,341 acres ; rateable value in 1896, £86,282

Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee, Henry - James Gidney, Aylsham

Treasurer, Henry Birkbeck, Barclay's Bank Limited, Aylsham
Guardians' School Attendance Officer, Edward John Bird, Aylsham

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

Collector of Poor Rates, Robert Proudfoot, Market place

Medical Officers & Public Vaccinators, 1st district, Edward Verdon Perry, Reepham ; 2nd district, John Wagmore Higginson M.R.C.S. Eng. Alborough ; 3rd district, Wm. Annesley Eden M.R.C.S. Eng. Foulsham ; 4th district, Frederic Little, Aylsham ; 5th district, Alfred Back M.A., M.R.C.S. Eng. Reepham ; 6th district, Richard John Morton, Aylsham ; 7th district, Bernard Duncan Z. Wright, 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, Mrs. Alfred Seely, Reepham ;
Buxton sub-district, F. W. C. Roe, Aylsham ; deputy,
Charles Clements, Aylsham

Registrar of Marriages for the whole union, Robert Proud-
foot, Market place, Aylsham ; deputy, Harry F. Proud-
foot, 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 (1896) only 117 inmates ; Rev. Thomas
Barnes, chaplain ; Richard John Morton, medical officer ;
Richard Bushell, master ; Mrs. Helena Bushell, matron ;
Frank Hennings, porter & labour master

School Attendance Committee.

Clerk, Henry James Gidney, Aylsham

Attendance Officer, Edward John Bird

Public Officers :—

Clerk to the Felmingham U. D. School Board, Henry
James Gidney

Clerk to the Commissioners of Income & Land Taxes,
Robert Howlett

Clerk to the Navigation Commissioners, Henry G. Wright
Collector & Assessor of Taxes, Harry Walter Marjoram,
White Hart street

County Surveyor for Aylsham & Buxton Districts, James
Dunn, Market place

Inspector for the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act,
Thomas Sidney Barker M.R.C.V.S

Inspector of Petroleum & of Weights & Measures, Mark
Grimes, Blickling road

Town Crier, William Flint

Places of Worship, with times of services :—

St. Michael's Church, Rev. John Gurney Hoare M.A.
vicar ; Rev. James Henry Cole B.A. curate ; 8 & 10.45
a.m. & 3 & 6.30 p.m

Catholic, mass occasionally at the chapel adjoining Mr.
Philip Shepherd's residence

Baptist, White Hart st. 10.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. ; mon. 8 p.m

Gospel hall, Cawston road, 10.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. ; tues.
& thurs. 8 p.m

Primitive Methodist, Cawston road, Rev. John Ford;
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. Joseph Gibson;
2.30 & 6.30 p.m. & no morning service

Schools:—

A free school was founded here in 1517 by Robert Jannys, mayor of Norwich in that year, & endowed with £10 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 Jane Tuck, mistress

Railway Stations:—

Aylsham (Great Eastern), George T. Solomon

Aylsham Town (Midland & Great Northern Joint Railway), George Ridley, 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 wherries to & from, weekly

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Aldous Albert Fredk. Commercial road
Applegate Charles, Victoria pl. Millgate
Bansall Walter Henry M.B. Cromer rd
Blades Arthur, White Hart street
Bruce William, Blickling road
Bullock Stanley, Millgate
Calver William, Cawston road
Case James Lec, Cromer road
Cole Rev. James Henry B.A. [curate of
St. Michael's], Cromer road
Clark Mrs. Commercial road
Cook Benjamin, The Belt
Cook Miss, Church terrace
Copeman Miss, West lodge, Blickling rd
Copeman Thomas, Blickling road
Cross Henry Ernest, The Beeches,
Causton road
Dent Robert, Beech grove
Dewhirst Charles Roger, Bank house
Ford Rev. John [Primitive Methodist],
Red Lion street
Gibson Rev. Joseph [Wesleyan Re-
former], Pound road
Gidney Henry James, Old Bank house

Gilbert Mrs. Clement, Cromer road
Gillman Mrs. St. Michael's villas,
Cawston road
Gordon Chrstr. Jn. Elgin ho. Burgh rd
Goulder John, Cawston road
Goulder Mrs. Church hill
Grapes William, Church hill
Gunton George, White Hart street
Harrison Mrs. Bankfield, Commercial rd
Harrison Mrs. Hill house
Hoare Rev. John Gurney M.A. [vicar]
Hopkins Mrs. The Dell, Heydon road
Horstead Miss, Hungate street
Howes Mrs. Commercial road
Howlett Robert, Market place
Hudson Ernest, Orchard rd. Norwich rd
Ingate Lewis, jun. Oak cot. Cromer rd
Ireland Mrs. A. W. Sankence lodge,
Cawston road
Larner Miss, The Lodge, White Hart st
Le Neve Mrs. Hungate street
Little Fredk. Manor house, Norwich rd
Miller Herbert, Church terrace
Miller Thomas, The Limes
Miller Watts, White Hart street
Morton Mrs. Bushey place

Morley Daniel, St. Michael's villas,
 Cawston road
 Morton Richard John, Market place
 Nott Samuel, Cawston road
 Page Alfd. Fir Tree cottage, Hungate st
 Page Henry, Hungate house
 Palmer Robert Elden, Church terrace
 Purdy Robert John Woods, Woodgate
 house, Cawston road
 Ray Miss, Paradise
 Rix Mrs. Cawston road
 Roy Alfred, Gothic house, Hungate st
 Sapwell Lt.-Col. Benjamin Beckham
 Sankence, Cawston road
 Sapwell Benjamin Beckham, jun. B.A.,
 L.L.B. Sankence, Cawston road
 Shepheard Philip Candler J.P
 Smith Miss, Bankfield, Commercial rd
 Soame Miss, Cromer road
 Starling Frederick Wm. Cedar house
 Sutton Miss, Commercial road
 Tuddenham Alexander R. Burgh road
 Tuddenham John Henry, White Hart st
 Tuddenham Robert, Burgh road
 Wright Henry G. Waterford house

COMMERCIAL.

Abbot Alfred, baker, White Hart street & Market place
 Applegate Lydia (Mrs.), refreshment house, Red Lion street
 Aylsham Gas Co. Limited (Henry James Gidney, sec. ;
 Thomas Henry Oates, manager)
 Aylsham Parish Council (Robert Proudfoot, clerk)
 Aylsham Town Hall (Wm. Forster esq. proprietor ; Walter
 E. Tuttle, sec. ; Geo. Neal, hall keeper), Market place
 Baldrey George, shopkeeper, Millgate
 Bansall Walter Henry M.B. surgeon, Cromer road
Barclay & Co. Limited (branch), bankers (Charles
 Roger Dewhirst, manager), Market place ; draw on head
 office, 54 Lombard street, London E C
 Barker Thomas Sidney M.R.C.V.S. veterinary surgeon, &
 inspector for the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act,
 White Hart street
 Barnard Walter, New inn, Red Lion street
 Beck James, Unicorn P.H. Hungate street
 Beck Mark, smith & machinist &c. Burgh road
 Bexfield Richard, grocer, Red Lion street

Bird Edward John, guardians' school attendance officer & sanitary inspector, Bank street
 Bird Rebecca (Mrs.), beer retailer, White Hart street
 Blackstone William Henry, hair dresser, White Hart street
 Blofield William, butcher, Red Lion street
Bond William, furnishing & general ironmonger, agricultural implement agent, iron & oil & color merchant; gas fitter & bellhanger, brazier & tin-plate worker, Market place
 Bone Sydney D. watch maker, Red Lion street
 Botterill William Jessop, builder & contractor & sanitary engineer, Millgate street
 Brady & Pert, plumbers, Church hill
 Breese James, tailor, Market place
 Browne Edmund Dennis, deputy superintendent registrar, Red Lion street
 Bruce & Son, auctioneers & estate agents, agents for Bagshaw's manures, half inch & dust bones, nitrate of soda, fish & other salts & Heydon lime: special attention given to mill valuations & machinery, Bank street
 Bullock Annie (Mrs.), fancy stationer, Red Lion street
 Bullock Stanley, miller (water), Millgate
 Burton Edward, blacksmith, Red Lion street
 Bushell Richard, master at workhouse
 Case & Goulder, agents for Lawes' manures
 Cemetery (Henry James Gidney, clerk)
 Clarke Alfred Fuller, baker, Church hill
 Clarke George Probert, ironmonger, Market place
 Clarke George William, draper, Red Lion street
 Clements Charles, printer, bookseller, stationer, news agent & fancy repository, Market place
 Collier R. & Sons, corn & coal merchants, Great Eastern station; & at Attleborough; Diss; Thetford & Norwich
 Connold Anna Elizabeth & Emma (Misses), teachers of music, Woodbine villa, Cromer road
 Cook Benjamin, miller (steam), Roller Flour mills, Dunkirk; & Itteringham (water)
 Cooke William, beer retailer, Hungate street
 Corder Octavius, pharmaceutical chemist, Market place
 County Court (Henry James Gidney, registrar & high bailiff), Town hall
 Crane John, beer retailer, Dunkirk
 Cripps William, shopkeeper, Millgate street
 Culley Frederick, builder, Cawston road

Dale Deborah (Mrs.), hair dresser & fancy repository, Red
 Lion street
 Davison James, miller (wind)
Dewhirst Charles Roger, bank manager, insurance
 agent & parish churchwarden, Bank house
 Ducker Samuel, wheelwright & beer retailer, White Hart st
 Ducker William, saddler, Red Lion street
 Dunn Gertrude (Mrs.), sub-postmistress
Dunn James, surveyor to the County Council, Aylsham &
 Buxton Districts, Market place
 Durrell George, cowkeeper, Carr's corner
 Durrell George Sidney, baker & shopkeeper, Cawston road
 Eastoe Ernest Alfred, Stonemason's Arms P.H. Millgate
 Edwards John (Mrs.), china dealer, Market place
 Ewen John, shopkeeper
 Farrow Susan (Miss), fancy draper, Norwich road
 Field Uriah, stone mason, Burgh road
 Flanders William, Star P.H. Red Lion street
 Forster William, solicitor & commissioner for oaths &
 perpetual commissioner & clerk to the magistrates,
 Market place
 Fox John, poultry dealer, Drabblegate
 Frankland Richard, ironmonger & earthenware dealer,
 Hungate street
 Frostick John, apartments, Peterson's road
 Gathergood, Mitchell, assistant superintendent to Prudential
 Insurance Co. Millgate
 Gidney Henry James, solicitor, commissioner for oaths,
 clerk to the burial board, union & rural district council &
 superintendent registrar, clerk to Felmingham U.D. school
 board, registrar of County court & secretary to Gas Co.
 Old Bank house
 Goodwin Robert, pork butcher, White Hart street
 Gostling Henry, farmer, Buxton road
 Goulder John, farmer, Valley farm
 Grimes James, butcher & farmer, Millgate
 Grimes Mark, superintendent of police, inspector of petro-
 leum & of weights & measures, Blickling road
 Gurneys, Birkbeck, Barclay & Buxton, bankers, now Bar-
 clay & Co. Limited
 Hall Charles, stone mason, Millgate street
 Hall Frederick, farmer, The Spa, Norwich road
 Horner Frederick, blacksmith, Cawston road

Howe Thomas, baker & beer retailer, Hungate street
 Howlett Robert, clerk to the commissioners of income &
 land taxes & clerk to the Wickmere School board,
 Market place
 Hubbard & Son, plumbers, painters &c. Red Lion street
 Ingate Brothers, cycle agents & agents for J. K. Starley & Co.
 Coventry; The Granville Cycle Co. 132 Clapham road,
 London & Messrs. Lloyd & Son, Birmingham, Cromer road
 Ingate Lewis & Son, coach builders, Cromer road
 Jarvis James, boot maker, Hungate street
 Jarvis Robert, boot maker, White Hart street
 Jex George, shopkeeper, Hungate street
 Lake James, farmer, Stonegate
 Larke Joseph Palmer, outfitter, Red Lion street
 Laxen Albert Richard, saddler &c. Market place
 Laxen Horace, baker & confectioner, Red Lion street
 Lemon William Plane, farmer, Stonegate
 Lincoln Henry, chimney sweeper, Cawston road
 Literary Institution (C. R. Dewhirst, president; Albert
 Frederick Aldous, hon. sec.), Market place
 Little Frederick M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A. surgeon, & medical
 officer & public vaccinator, 4th district, Aylsham union,
 Manor house, Norwich road
 Lomax Samuel, butcher, Red Lion street
 March John, grocer, draper & provision dealer, Cromer road
 Marjoram Harry Walter, assessor & collector of taxes,
 White Hart street
 Martin Walter John, blacksmith, Staithe
 Medlar Cubitt, butcher, Hungate street
 Mileham Walter, accountant, correspondent to the "Eastern
 Daily Press," "Norfolk News," "Norwich Mercury,"
 & "Lynn Advertiser," Norwich road
 Miller Ann (Mrs.), shoe maker, Market place
 Miller Henry, shoe maker, Red Lion street
 Morton Richard John, surgeon, & medical officer, 6th dis-
 trict, & workhouse, Aylsham union, Market place
 Moy George, boot & shoe maker, Market place
 Moy John, hawker, Carr's corner
 Neale Arthur, bricklayer, Cawston road
 Needham Walter, picture frame maker & umbrella repairer,
 White Hart street
 Nelson George, carpenter, Hungate street
 Nicholls E. (Miss), dressmaker, Red Lion street

Nicholls Susannah (Mrs.), White Horse P.H. & btchr. Millgate
 Nicholson Goddard, chemist, Red Lion street
 Oates Thomas Henry, manager of gas works, Millgate
 Orton George, farmer, Stonegate
 Overed Walter, veterinary surgeon, School lane
 Overton John, shopkeeper, White Hart street
 Page Henry, grocer & draper, Market place & Red Lion st
 Palmer Robert Elden, farmer
 Partridge Daniel, butcher, Red Lion street
 Pashley William, Dog hotel, Norwich road
 Payne Robt. Thos. fruiterer & boot warehouse, Red Lion st
 Poll Henry, farmer, Cawston road
 Poll William, Bull inn, Red Lion street
 Preston Leonard, surveyor to the urban district council,
 Buxton road
 Proudfoot Harry F. deputy registrar of marriages
 Proudfoot Robert, assistant overseer, registrar of marriages,
 poor rate collector & clerk to the Aylsham & Blickling
 parish councils, Market place
 Purdy Rbt. Jn. Woods, lndwnr. & frm. Woodgate ho. Cawstn. rd
 Reading Room & Library (C. R. Dewhirst, president; Albert
 Frederick Aldous, hon. sec.), Market place
 Roe Frederic W. C. relieving & vaccination officer for Bux-
 ton district & Aylsham union & registrar of births & deaths
 for Buxton sub-district, Cawston road
 Rought William, seedsman & florist, Cawston road
 Roy Julia (Miss), private school (girls'), Gothic House school
 Sands Mary Ann (Miss), dressmaker, Burgh road
 Sapwell Lieut.-Col. Benjamin Beckham, landowner & farmer,
 Sankence, Cawston road
 Sapwell Benjamin Beckham, jun. B.A., LL.B. barrister-at-
 law, Sankence, Cawston road; & 15 Old square, Lincoln's
 inn, London WC
 Savings Bank (H. G. Wright, sec.; open monday 12 to 1),
 Market place
 Sell Elizabeth (Mrs.), dairy, Norwich road
 Seymour Berney, photographer, Commercial road
 Shephard Philip Candler J.P. surgeon
 Shreeve Charles, farmer, Burgh road;
 Shreeve Henry H. dealer in corn, hay, coal, salt, flour, petro-
 leum &c. Millgate Staithe & Midland & Gt. Northern stn
 Smith Richard, horse dealer, Burgh road
 Soame Emily (Miss), young ladies' school, Cromer road
 Soame James, farmer, The Spa

Soame John, farmer, Spratts Green farm
 Spink William, fishmonger, Red Lion street
 Spinks William Walter, basket maker, Upper Hungate street
 Stackwood William, miller (water)
 Stapleton Christmas, Black Boys commercial hotel & posting house, & inland revenue office, Market place. See advert
Starling Frederick William, furnishing & general ironmonger, bar & sheet iron merchant, oil & color man, general cycle agent, furniture dealer & basket & sieve maker; fishing tackle of all kinds, Red Lion street
 Stevens Samuel, thrashing machine proptr. Commercial rd
 Storey Elijah, farm bailiff to Mr. C. Stapleton
 Taylor John, Cross Keys P.H. Red Lion street
Thoday & Son, corn, cake, coal, seed & manure mers
 Tight James, The Anchor P.H. & fish curer, Millgate street
Tuddenham R. & Sons, builders, contractors, bricklayers, plasterers, undertakers & cabinet makers, Burgh road; & brick makers at Banningham. See advert
 Tuddenham Fanny (Mrs.), butcher, Cawston road
 Vince James, manure merchant, Dunkirk
 Vincent Henry, tailor, White Hart street
 Volunteer Battalion (3rd) Norfolk Regiment (C Co.) (Hon. Major H. J. Gidney, commanding; T. W. Purdy, lieut)
 Wade Chas. Fredk. watch maker & gunsmith, Hungate st
 Wade Walter & Harry, bldrs. & bicycle repairers, Penfold st
Ward C. M. & Son, family grocers, provision merchants & drapers, agents for W. & A. Gilbey Lim. wine & spirit merchants, & ale & stout merchants, Market place
 Ward Edward, jobbing gardener, Hungate street
 Warne Elizabeth (Mrs.), farmer, The Spa
 Warne George, beer retailer & shopkeeper, Cawston road
 White William Frankland, saddler & harness maker, Red Lion street; & Cawston & Buxton. See advertisement
 Whittaker Last, watch & clock maker, Market place
 Wightman Harry, grocer, Millgate street
 Wilch Florence (Mrs.), fancy repos. & tbccnst. White Hart st
 Williamson Francis, fishmonger, Hungate street
 Williamson Henry, shopkeeper, Red Lion street
 Winterborn George, millwright, Cawston road
 Winterborn William, shopkeeper, Cawston road
 Woodhouse Edward, Red Lion hotel, Red Lion street
 Wright Elijah, boat builder, Millgate street
 Wright James, steward to Major B. B. Sapwell