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Future Programme: Easter Term 2010

29 Apr 2010 **Two Eminent Victorians on the Romantic Overland
Route to the East & the Power of the Internet**
Harold Hopkins

8 May 2010 ***Annual General Meeting***
3-00 p.m. Thirkill Room, Clare College

13 May 2010 **Mad Jack – a Wiltshire Eccentric
with a taste for Heraldry**
Stephen Slater

5 Jun 2010 **ACCESSION BANQUET**
Clare College

White Tie & Decorations or Black Tie

Speaker Meetings normally take place at 8-45 p.m. in the Thirkill Room, Clare College

*Members & their guests may dine in Hall with the speaker prior to each meeting
but please advise Adrian Ray* at least 48 hours beforehand.*

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Diners should assemble in the Thirkill Room a 7-00 p.m.*



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A Message from the President

Dear friends,

I am delighted to announce that all forty-four back copies of the Escutcheon are now available on our website at

<http://www.societies.cam.ac.uk/cuhags/escutch/issues.htm>.

In most cases the original word documents have been converted to pdf, except in a few cases where electronic copies were not available and so hard copies have been scanned. This marks a fitting occasion to pay tribute to Derek Palgrave for his effort and creativity as editor of *The Escutcheon* since its creation in 1995. Many student society publications flicker and fail as the years roll by, but ours has avoided this dismal fate; the publication this year of a special edition on the Lordship of Bowland is a mark of its continued strength, and I am sure will provide fascinating reading to many.

The highlight of Lent term was the Mountbatten lecture, for which we were privileged to have the Lord Lyon come down from Scotland to address us on the history and continuing role of his office. We also enjoyed a variety of talks on the heraldry of Hinchinbrooke House, the use of scientific motifs in ancient and modern heraldry, the historical hallmarking of precious metals, and the impact of television programs on popular genealogical research.

Our annual dinner, held at Clare College, was an enjoyable affair, enlivened by a speech from Debra Chatfield on the development of genealogical tools on the internet. Next term we look forward to a feast of still greater magnificence at the Accession Banquet; we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the original Cambridge University Heraldic & Genealogical Society, which merged in 1957 with the Cambridge University Society of Genealogists to become the society we see today. Until then I wish the best of luck to our student members preparing for their exams, and a pleasant summer to all.

Jacob Davis

THE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL DINNER 'RULE BRITANNIA'

The tercentennial of the birth of Thomas Augustine Arne, composer of 'Rule, Britannia!' heralded for CUHAGS a most worthy commemoration at the Annual Dinner on Saturday 13th March. Since its first performance on 1st August 1740 his anthem has taken on something of a life of its own, modified and appropriated for various causes or moods - Maritime, Jacobite and Victorian.

'Rule, Britannia!' had echoed in Clare's Small Hall on Saturday 22nd October 2005. A 'Trafalgar' verse was reproduced in the CUHAGS Trafalgar Bicentennial Dinner report (The Escutcheon Vol 11 No.1 Michaelmas Term 2005 at page 3).

Mothing Eve

CUHAGS Lenten Dinner took place on the eve of Mothering Sunday. Arne was



born 12th March 1710 in King Street Covent Garden, adjacent to the Anglican St Paul's Church where on 28th May 1710, a somewhat relaxed 11 weeks later, he was baptised. It seems that the Augustine in Arne's name was a concession to Anne his Roman Catholic mother and added some time later. The link to St Paul's was lifelong, he died in Bow Street 5th March 1778 and was buried in St Paul's. The memorial plaque (pictured left) is rare if not unique in the 'Actors Church' featuring musical notation. In style and context it might well have been prompted

and erected around the bicentennial 1910. Modern commemorations adjacent include plaques to actors Robert Coote (1892 – 1982) and Denis Price (1915 – 1983) and his memorial effects a balancing act to a trio of 'first knights', Sir Terence Rattigan, Sir Noel Coward and Sir Charles Chaplin.

At Clare College High Table CUHAGS latest vestments, loosely draped, added colour and a warm touch. Arne, who came from a successful family of upholsterers, might well have approved. He was educated at Eton College, was a Freemason and

within a complicated personal life managed a successful musical career. In July 1759 he was conferred a doctorate in music at Oxford.

Marchons, marchons!

The French wines included an excellent homage with Arne he was a Freemason. He died in poverty 26/27th June 1836 at Choisey-le-Roi but during the Great War on Bastille Day 14th July 1915 his ashes to an English warrior saint in *Chateau Moulin St Georges 1998* and reminded of another stirring martial anthem beloved of warriors further to the south '*La Marseillaise*'. CUHAGS forthcoming AGM will take place close to the 250th Anniversary of the birth of Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, 10th May 1760 at Lons-le-Saumier. On the night of 24th April 1792 whilst serving in Strasbourg as a French Engineer Captain he composed, '*Chant de guerre pour l'armee du Rhin*' or '*Chant de guerre aux armees des frontieres*'. It was adopted as an official song 14th July 1795 and the National Anthem of France in 1879. As were removed to Invalides.

*Aux armes citoyens!
Formez vos bataillons,
Marchons, marchons!
Qu'un sang impur
Abreuve nos sillons.*

March on

In birth, marriage, death and much of life the month of March featured in Arne's life. On 15th March 1737 had married Cecilia Young (1712 –1789) in Lincoln's Inn Chapel. The Inn, Chapel and Hall were visited by CUHAGS 23rd November 2007, (The Escutcheon Vol 13. No. 1 Michaelmas Term 2007). It was only after the first performance of 'Rule, Britannia!' at Drury Lane in London on 20th March 1745 that it seems to have become a sensation. The premiere had been at Cliveden five years earlier in 'Masque of Alfred' with Thomas Lowe singing 'Rule, Britannia!'. That performance was before Frederick Prince of Wales commemorating the accession of George II and the birthday of Princess Augusta. The words beloved of 'Last Night of the Proms' audiences are from a poem by Scotsman James Thompson, at the time perhaps an aspiration to maritime power rather than an affirmation of fact.

*When Britain first at Heav'n's command,
Arose from out the azure main, arose, arose, from out the azure main,
This was the charter, the charter of the land,
And guardian angels sang the strain*

*Rule Britannia! Britannia, rule the waves,
Britons never, never, never shall be slaves.*

Marching Order

The Grace was delivered by Julian Cable. Then, as surely as the stirring chorus, the victualling began to fortify the forty four at the tables. The *'Warm Goat's cheese salad with walnut and orange dressing'* led the dishes. *'Pan fried sea bass fillet on a bed of lentils'* sailed in courtesy, we trust, of Britannia's brave fisheries and maritime fleets upon the High Seas. We were thus readied for the *'Venison fillet with caramelised figs served with a port wine sauce, fondant potatoes, parsnips and spicy red cabbage'*. The *'Black cherry and kirsch truffle'* dessert added further bold hues to a colourful pageant.

The President of CUHAGS introduced the Guest of Honour Debra Chatfield from *'Find my Past'* who described the organisation, worldwide interest and increasing range of services including work on behalf of the Lord Lyon King of Arms. This pioneer in online genealogy may be further explored at www.findmypast.com Jacob Davis had earlier referred to the previous highlight of the CUHAGS calendar with the Mountbatten Memorial Lecture and visit by the Lord Lyon King of Arms.

Penny for a song

In honour of the tercentennial of Arne and with music programmed for a future gathering presidential sanction was given for *'Britannia tails 1967'* to be distributed. Circulating with coffee and petit fours they reflected the final 'minting' of the once familiar penny coin, with Britannia trident in hand and with a union shield set within a maritime seascape. In a credit crunch era they lent copper bottomed, reassurance. However,



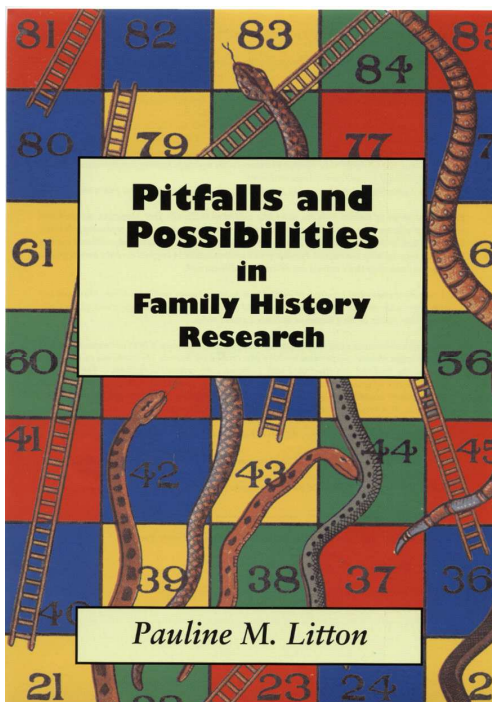
it was salutary to recall that a place at the very reasonably priced 2010 Annual Dinner would still have required a staggering 11,280 of them.

Professor Lester Hillman

PITFALLS AND POSSIBILITIES IN FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

Several years ago, Pauline Litton, the author of this new book, spoke to the Society on this very topic. It is the product of over forty years of genealogical research by a history graduate who has a capacity for detail very few of us can equal. This extraordinary flair has enabled her to pick her way through the maze of relevant archives, which we seek to consult during our quest for ancestors.

In sharing her journey with us she enjoins us to be wary of the obstacles we are



likely to encounter. Those responsible for creating and maintaining records were just as capable of making mistakes in recording names, as we are, especially when we try to interpret their handwriting. Furthermore it is very clear that not all incumbents and other officials were fully conversant with the detailed requirements set out in the legislation they were expected to enforce.

There are words of caution regarding indexes as these can be very misleading. After all *“any index is only as good as its source material and its compilers”*. The author devotes a whole chapter to the very well known *International Genealogical Index* drawing our attention in particular to the perils of misinterpreting

the many variant spellings of surnames. In general all the problems associated with the use of Church documents and Civil Registration certificates are covered in considerable detail with plenty of helpful examples. There is also a valuable discussion of Probate records with advice on locating their whereabouts.

The often neglected area of the Poor Law Legislation is put into context, pointing out that, prior to 1834, each parish was responsible for the welfare of all its parishioners: this included temporary residents who had fallen on hard times. The cost of relieving them was often more than the local poor rate could bear so it was common practice for the parish authorities to make a claim on the parish which was their true home. This was usually possible by consulting *settlement certificates* issued by their parish of origin where they had been born or had been in long term employment. Such certificates were generated by formal examination in the presence of a Magistrate, the proceedings at the time being recorded for posterity and now usually accessible to researchers in County Record Offices. A frequent outcome of an *Examination of Settlement* was the drafting of a *Removal Order* to return the person concerned to his or her appropriate parish.

The author does not fight shy of other really difficult areas of research including foundlings. There is very useful chapter describing the Foundling Hospital in London together with several of its branches elsewhere. The London Metropolitan Archives has eight tons of its records and several local record offices have documents generated in the various branch hospitals. Much archival material consists of letters between Hospital officials, local inspectors and foster parents, thereby providing important insights into the children's lives.

Throughout the text of this book, the reader is warned not to take anything for granted about places of birth, actual ages, relationship, literacy of ancestors, etc. In fact, the very first chapter begins with a list of common assumptions which, if accepted, ought to render the book essential reading. Nevertheless it is not so much a textbook but more an *agent provocateur*. As such it is particularly valuable aid to research practice.

Readers will appreciate the inclusion of some detailed case histories drawn from the author's personal experience of using archives to discover her own family history. This has led her to formulate a set of rules which I believe have universal application: family history is a hobby, always read the introduction to reference books, remember the spelling of names is fluid, data is not necessarily accurate, treat published pedigrees with caution, recognise that ancestors told fibs, I.T. will not answer all the questions, do join a family history society, and do make provision in your will for the preservation of your research findings

I have no hesitation in recommending this book to every keen genealogist. The title draws a parallel with the game "Snakes and Ladders" incidentally illustrated on the cover. If you are aware of and can avoid the obvious pitfalls then the possibilities become realities.

Derek Palgrave

Pitfalls and Possibilities in Family History Research, *Pauline M. Litton*, Swansong Publications, 2010, ISBN 978-0-9553450-1-2, 290pp 170 x 245 mm softback £11-99 (£13-75 by post)



BULL COLLEGE(?) CAMBRIDGE 1945-1946

In 1945, the Bull Hotel in Trumpington Street became the headquarters for group of United States servicemen who had been enrolled on University courses under the auspices of an ongoing U.S. Army programme to improve their morale and prepare them for their return to civilian life. Several of the “students” were allocated places in the Colleges but well over half of them had rooms in the Bull Hotel. The then Provost of Kings indicated that he would refer to them as members of “Bull College”.

Within a few weeks the G.I.s elected their own Major as Principal and adopted a livery and the Armorial (shown above) designed by one of their number, Al Kohler. They participated in University life in full, joining the Cambridge Union and involving themselves in inter-collegiate sporting activities including rowing: in the Lent Bumps their cox was a girl from Oklahoma – a notable first.

By March 1946 it became clear that this remarkably successful experiment in education was unlikely to become a permanent feature, so those involved drafted the following resolutions:

“Whereas, while pursuing our chosen fields of learning at Cambridge University under the guidance of some of the world’s greatest scholars, we have also learned to live and to work with people of another great nation, and have made progress toward an intelligent grasp of that nation’s problems; &

Whereas, at the same time, other Cambridge students have learned about us and have gained some appreciation of the national and international problems gacing our own country; and

Whereas, the world suffers grievously for want of such better understanding between nations; therefore be it

Resolved that we extend thanks to the agencies, in both countries which have made it possible for one-hundred-fifty members of the United States Army to attend Cambridge University, England for the Michaelmas term, 1945, and be it further

Resolved that the appropriate agency of the United Nations Organization be urged, through this resolution, to bring about in the future a great increase in the number of students who are to be exchanged among the several United Nations.”

These resolutions were signed by every member of the class of 1945 and the resultant document was framed. It, together with a carved wooden shield, bearing Al Kohler's design, shown below, are both in the custody of the Librarian at St Catharine's College, whose collaboration is gratefully acknowledged.



Very little else has survived from this unique collaboration apart from a few armorial stickers and copies of the magazine, *The Cambridge Bull*.

The Bull Hotel, which had been requisitioned during the War, reverted to St Catharine's College and promptly was utilised to accommodate new intake of undergraduates returning from military service during World War II.

It is understood that W. H. Bevan is actively researching G.I. Colleges in Europe and is seeking information from anyone who has relevant details. If you can help please contact him on mail@williamhambevan.com

CURRENT AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 9-11 April, 2010 Guild of One-Name Studies
Annual Conference - Thame
- 17th April, 2010 Seminar – Maps and Mapping
Guild of One-Name Studies, Chester
- 15th May Yorkshire H. S. Heraldry Day
Royal Armouries (Leeds)
Four specialist lectures
- 5th June 2010 Sunderland History Fair
Sunderland
- 7th August, 2010 Seminar on F H Computing
Guild of One-Name Studies, Epsom
- 11th September,
2010 Norman Cross PoW Camps – Brian Jones
Cambs FHS - Girton
- 11th September,
2010 National Family History Fair
Newcastle-upon-Tyne
- 9th October, 2010 History of Addenbrooke's Nursing
H. Ritchie – Cambs FHS - Girton
- 13th November,
2010 The Operation of the Poor Laws
G. Shapland – Cambs FHS - Girton

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HERALDIC AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Annual General Meeting - 8th May 2010

Members are invited to attend the Society's AGM in the Thirkill Room, Clare College Old Court, at 3-00 p.m. on Saturday, 8th May, 2010, to discuss the following Agenda.

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of Previous A.G.M. held 9th May, 2009
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes
4. President's Report
5. The Society's Accounts
6. Secretary's Report
7. Election of Officers and Members of Committee
8. Any matters submitted in advance or other urgent business.
9. Date and place of the next A.G.M.

It is important that we have a quorum at our Annual General Meeting so please make every effort to attend. If you wish to nominate officers to serve during the next academic year please contact the Society's Secretary, Nevsky Everett at Gonville & Caius College.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Present

Twenty two bona fide members of the Society were present and their names recorded on the attendance sheet passed around prior to the meeting.

2. Apologies

There were apologies from Chl e Cockeril, Tim Cutts, William Edwards, Lester Hillman, Marius Johndal, Bari Logan, Susan ad John Long, Richard Marquis-Hirsch, Paul Mitcham, Pamela Palgrave.

3. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous A.G.M. held on 10th May, 2008 were approved nem con. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

4. President's Report [incorporating the Secretary's Report]

Dear members & friends,

The year 2009 has been an 'annus mirabilis' for CUHAGS, and has set an historic record in undergraduate recruitment which will be hard to equal in the future. We have at least a dozen active younger members and a substantial portion of these new recruits have accepted nominations to work on next year's executive committee. I feel that this development should certainly assuage all of the concerns expressed by the Proctors recently about the low student participation in our society. Although I would very much like to claim the credit for this success such a claim would be both untrue and deeply unfair. Most of the recognition for this increase in our membership should go to Kelcey Wilson-Lee and David Broomfield who ran a magnificent stall at the fresher's fair. In particular David's exceptional introductory lecture on the Heraldry at Magdalene College seems to have kicked-off our series of speaker meetings with a welcome note of charisma, erudition and panache. My only concern remains that this success should not prove as in the past to be a chimera. The new committee must work very hard to continue and if possible maintain this successful recruitment drive among the undergraduate population of the university. It is only through the continual replenishment of our membership that this society can hope to survive the next decade. My only remaining word of advice is that we should consider also perhaps getting one or two well disposal fellows interested in CUHAG's work and research. Such an endorsement from the senior members of the university would further strengthen us and perhaps even increase our profile within Cambridge.

As regards the speaker meetings for this year I am happy to report that they have been extremely successful. Indeed I do not recall another year with quite so many Thursday evenings when we have had all twenty four dining spaces fully reserved. Perhaps the society is a victim of its own success when it is forced to turn away members due over-booking. The new committee might be well advised to look into increasing our dining capacity for important events like the Mountbatten lecture.

The content of this year's series of lecture has been varied, dare I say it cosmopolitan even, and of the highest academic standards. Some have complained about this trend, and suggest that the future content should be less esoteric and possibly more anglo-centric. Personally I cringe at such a narrow vision of CUHAGS' remit. This is a university which has always encouraged cutting-edge-research and which has a deeply varied international population, as evidenced by your current presidential incumbent. Topics presented this year have ranged from Imperial Korea to *ancien régime* France, this diversity of interests is at the heart of our success and any attempt to undermine this approach must be vehemently resisted. Insularity thankfully is a not structural reality but a state of mind let us remain open to new suggestions. Indeed to my mind we have been a bit too conservative in our usage of the society's cash reserves perhaps greater expenditure on speakers in future will surely benefit recruitment. After all CUHAGS is only as good as the lecturers and experts it is able to attract.

There has been an increase in the popularity of our termly feasts and banquets as evidenced by the fact that we have had to utilise the Clare's Great Hall for all three occasions. I think the reason for this comes mainly from the membership secretary's miraculous ability to send out invitations at the start of term which has allowed members sufficient notice to book early. In future this organisational efficiency must continue. The dinners are CUHAGS' umbilical cord with our benefactors and the larger heraldic & genealogical family within the UK. They constitute a vital attraction and publicise our activities beyond Cambridge.

As our elected-General Secretary has disappeared during this year and his replacement has only attended one meeting it is perhaps best if I personally report on the activities of the executive committee. A decrease in bureaucracy and controversy to my mind is evidence of success rather than failure. The 2008-2009 committee has met twice with full powers and once in an ad-hoc fashion. In simple terms this translates into the fact that we have held five fewer meetings than last year, which in turn represents a 66% fall in the frequency of administrative sessions. I warn severely anybody against making the suggestion that this is the result of lethargy. On the contrary this is an achievement founded on the streamlining of our administrative procedures and a clear demarcation of individual areas of responsibility and accountability. I strongly urge our successors to follow our example of good administration.

All that is left for me to do is to praise my team which is exclusively composed of passionate, gifted and brilliant volunteers who have kept this society vibrant and alive. My first word of thanks goes to our veteran Senior Treasurer Dr. Gordon Wright whose sensible advice continues to steer CUHAGS away from troubled waters. Administratively speaking the work of Derek Palgrave and David Broomfield keep the bureaucratic machinery well greased and working at one hundred percent efficiency. Adrian Ray has been indefatigable in his role as Manciple and deserves our thanks in keeping good

relations with the catering establishment at Clare. Consequently I also include a special word of thanks to Riccardo Chieppa for his smooth facilitation of our dining events. Our Junior Treasurer Jacob Davies has been scrupulous in his book keeping and collection of charges and fees. I wish him well in his future important role. My final word of thanks goes to Dr Kelcey Wilson-Lee for her constant aid behind the scenes at our speaker meetings. Not only has Kelcey helped to set up all the chairs and equipment in the Thirkill Room; but I calculate that this year she has personally washed-up three and twelve sherry glasses. This is no mean feat! I also wish to congratulate her on recently passing Viva Voce examination for her doctoral thesis.

Finally allow me to say that it has been a great honour to serve as president and that my thanks goes to you all in making this a very pleasant year. I inherited CUHAGS in a position of strength and despite my own chaotic inclinations leave in an at least equally solid position. You are a marvellously welcoming and tolerant group of individuals, I wish to thank you for making my four years at Cambridge exceedingly happy. Allow me to conclude by wishing the best of luck to my successors and to repeat the Milanese encouragement of 'Buon Lavoro per il 2010' (good work for 2010).

5. Society Accounts

The Society's Accounts had been published in the Escutcheon and submitted to the Junior Proctor in accordance with the University Regulations.

Adrian Ray queried the discrepancy between the income and expenditure associated with Speaker Meetings. It was pointed out that this often came about when members in statu pupillari were allowed concessionary dining fees and speakers were paid significant travelling expenses. This was not regarded as a problem as subscription income was more than adequate.

6. Election of Officers and Committee

The following candidates had been nominated and notified to the membership

Office	Candidate	Proposer(s)	Second(er)s
President	Jacob Davis	Ambrogio Caiani	Derek Palgrave
Senior Treasurer	Dr Gordon Wright	Ambrogio Caiani	Berthold Kress
Secretary	Nevsky Everett	John Horton	Alex Whiscombe
Junior Treasurer	Alex Whiscombe	David Broomfield	Ambrogio Caiani
Committee	Kelcey Lee Wilson	Ambrogio Caiani	John Horton
Committee	Louise Butterfield	Alex Whiscombe	David Broomfield
Committee	Marius Johndal	Alex Whiscombe	John Horton
Committee	Andrew Simpson	David Broomfield	Jacob Davis
Scrutineer	D. C. d'Arcy Orders	Alex Whiscombe	Jacob Davis

All were elected by acclaim.

8. Adoption of Revised Constitution

Proposed amendments had been published in the Escutcheon at least three times and members invited to comment in advance. The most recent draft had taken their comments into account.

Fresh amendments which were approved included in clause 6.1 the word “term” to be qualified by “full” and in clause 6.2 the number “21” to be “14”. There was a proposal that in Clause 6.3, line 7, “Receive” should be “Approve” but this was defeated by a majority vote.

The remainder of the document was approved unanimously.

9. Any other business

There were no items raised.

10. Date and place of next A.G.M.

This would be on 8th May, 2010 in the Thirkill Room at Clare College.

NOTICES AND GENERAL NEWS

Trans-Atlantic News

Former C.U.H.A.G.S. President Monica Morill, now living in Washington D.C., has just had an article accepted by *The American Thinker*. In it she pays tribute to her kinsman, Justin Morrill 1810-1898, and celebrates the Bicentenary of his birth. One of his major achievements was to introduce legislation to supply higher education in proportion to the number of representatives in each state.

This was known as the Land-Grant or Morrill Act and designed to establish Colleges offering facilities for further education and research. This was of lasting significance and Monica herself benefitted from higher education at a land-grant college.

Speaker Programme for 2010-2011

Members of the Executive Committee are looking at possible speakers, topics and interesting visits for inclusion in next year’s programme. Suggestions from the membership would be very much appreciated. We try, as far as possible, to

maintain a reasonable balance between heraldry and genealogy but we welcome your recommendations.

Special Issue of the Escutcheon- The Lordship of Bowland

As mentioned by our President, in his introductory message, we have been given the opportunity to publish an account of the revival of a medieval lordship in the North West of England. This has been compiled in considerable detail by Chris Spencer and Stephen Jolly.

The descriptive matter, together with its bibliography and supporting data, is in the region of twenty pages so it could not be included as an ordinary article in a standard edition of the Escutcheon. However its length justifies an entire issue of our magazine so it has been decided to offer members of the society a Special Issue.

Is worth pointing out that we have published a Special Issue before, during the Academic Year 1996-1997, coinciding with the Combined Society's 40th Anniversary. It featured a series of articles based on addresses given the guests attending the Annual Banquet on 8th March , 1997. It included greetings from Archbishop Bruno Heim who, at the age of 86, attended in person. Garter at that time, Peter Gwynn-Jones, spoke about his experiences as an undergraduate which, regrettably, did not include membership of CUHAGS, whilst Honorary Vice President Cecil Humphery-Smith recalled the experiences he had shared with the founders.

The then President, László Kóczy, who had introduced the guests, provided a useful commentary on the Society's progress and it was his idea that we should publish a *Special Issue* of the Escutcheon on that occasion. Thanks to the efforts of our current President, Jacob Davis, that issue and all the other previous issues are all available online on the Society's website:-

www.societies.cam.ac.uk/cuhags

Archives and Records Association (UK and Ireland)

In a recent press release we have learned that the Society of Archivists, ACALG and the National Council on Archives have voted in favour of merging to form the Archives and Records Association (UK and Ireland). This new body will provide the sector with a louder voice to stakeholders and policy makers, position the sector to build on its existing strengths and move forwards to face the challenges of the current difficult circumstances for government, business and culture.

Hopefully the organisations and indeed individuals using archives on a regular basis will have better opportunities to ensure that their needs are more fully taken into account as new policies in this field are being evolved.

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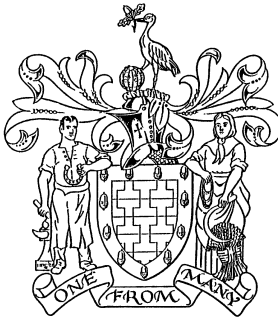
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