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A message from the President

It gives me great pleasure in informing the Membership of CUH&GS of the news of the Society in the Lent term which saw highly entertaining and informative speaker meetings. It began with with a lecture by Mike Petty on "800 years of Town and Grown", which charted, with just the right mixture of scholarship and anecdotal wit for which Mr. Petty is justly famous, the evolution of the city and the university with which our Society is associated.

The second speaker meeting, though again informative and highly entertaining, was a most pleasant diversion, in that the lecture was not delivered by an Academic, but by a Professional, Mr. Patrick Lamb of James Lock and Co., who spoke about the , "Evolution of Millitary Headgear", which was highlighted with a magnificent array of hats. The evening was a great success with several members donning such a variety of headgear that a passing spectator would have surmised that amateur dramatics were being performed in the Thirkill Room! The evening was also distinguished by the fact that several former ex-service members attended the meeting and brought several guests who had also served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

The Mountbatten Memorial Lecture, traditionally the highlight of the academic year, came next. It was delivered this year by none orther than Mr. John Brooke-Little, who is no stranger to the Society or indeed to the Heraldic world in general. This was his third Mountbatten, and he spoke on the "Lighter side of High State Ceremony". Needless to say, he was in top form, his incomparable wit, charm and erudition warming the hearts of all who attended.

We were delighted to see him in such good spirits after what has been a difficult period in his health and I am sure that the Society joins me in wishing him many more years of fellowship with CUH&GS.

The last speaker meeting of term was arranged by me and was my humble contribution to the Society's calendar. My good friend Mr. Anthony McClenaghan gave a talk on, "The Orders of Knighthood, Medals and Decorations instituted by the Maharajas". This was a scholarly lecture of great depth and historical significance because it not only introduced a hitherto little known area of the Raj's antiquity but was also delivered by a considerable authority on Indian Heraldry. I am pleased to say that the lecture was extremely well received

Sadly, before the beginning of the term, the Society lost one of its most valued and highly respected members, Mrs. Evelyn Logan. Eve had been a committed member of our Society for many years. Her kindness to new members was well known and she endeared herself to all who knew her. Her courage during her final illness was inspiring. The last Society dinner that she attended was memorable for her and for us. We are very pleased that Bari, Eve's husband, is now a member of CUH&GS, and we hope that his association with us will prove to be as pleasant as it was for Eve.

CUH&GS was represented at the fiftieth annual luncheon of the Heraldry Society, which was held at the New Cavendish Club in London and the Membership will be pleased to know that one of our Honorary Vice-Presidents, Mr. Henry Paston-Bedingfeld, York Herald, gave the commemoration speech on the occasion. The Society went to the College of Arms, London, this year, for the Lent term outing. Mr. David Whyte, Rouge-Croix Pursuivant of Arms, a former President of the Society, was most accommodating. He sacrificed his weekend to give us a splendid tour of the College. We are most grateful to him for his kindness and hospitality.

The Annual Dinner, as always, was well attended and a great success. The food, wine and company were, according to Cecil Humphrey-Smith, (the speaker for the evening), "delectable"

Next term, there will be, as customary, two speaker meetings and an outing. The first lecture will be delivered by Miss Barbara Megson on "Chaucer's London", and the second will be delivered by H.E.H. Maharaja Sriraj Meghrajji, the Maharaja of Halwad-Dhrangadhra, on "Reminiscences of the Chamber of Princes and Mountbatten". His Highness has been unwell for sometime but has informed me by telephone that, all going well, he will be able to visit the Society.

Lastly, I should like to wish the Members a very happy Easter.

Anando Mukerjee

EVELYN LOGAN: 1950-2000

Members of the Society will remember Eve not only through her regular attendance at our meetings but also as a dedicated member of the Committee and for her outstanding work in transcribing and indexing Cambridge College Chapel Registers. She was a very keen genealogist and carried out a great deal of research into the ancestry of the Elkins, her maiden name. A few months before her death she completed a 350-page book tracing the Elkins back to the early 16th century when her ancestors were living in the North Midlands. They were involved in farming and water-milling. It was the link with milling which led Eve to take part in a project to set up a National Millers Index and for some years she operated part of the Index covering the Midlands, the North and East.

She was born in Nottingham 2nd October, 1950, the youngest of three children. She attended the Forest Fields Grammar School in Nottingham where her main academic interests were languages. Reading, especially poetry, became a life-long hobby together with English folk music. It was in a Nottingham Folk Club that she met her husband, Bari. They married at Nottingham in September 1970.

Both of them worked at the Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham University, where she was an Office Administrator, in Community Medicine, and Bari, an anatomical preparator in the Department of Human Morphology. They lived at Sneinton not far from Nottingstone Place where General Booth was born.

They moved to the London area in 1977 when Bari became Prosecutor to the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Eve continued her career in medical administration with the Family Practitioner Committee for the Kensington, Chelsea and Westminster Health Authority eventually being appointed deputy registrar. Their son, Robert, was born in 1985 at St George's Hospital, Tooting.

They left London in 1987, moving to Histon, just outside Cambridge, as Bari had taken a new post as Prosecutor to the University Dept of Anatomy. Eve became immersed in village affairs, including running a playgroup and fund-raising for local schools. She had intended to return to work but in 1989 she developed cancer involving major surgery and several years of further treatment. She triumphed over this, enjoying a number of years of good health but in January 2000 she was found to be suffering from a brain tumour, totally unrelated to her previous illness, which meant she had one year to live. She faced this prospect with great fortitude, carefully planning her time and settling her affairs. She died as the year ended and was buried at All SS Church, Longstanton, 13th January 2001. 230 people were present at her funeral including several members of the Society she had served so well.

THE COCKERILL LAWYERS' INDEX

Tim Cockerill

I started compiling an index of judges, barristers, attorneys and solicitors about 25 years ago. For each individual there is a card listing genealogical, heraldic and professional details taken from a wide variety of sources.

My library includes about 125 Volumes of *Public School Registers*, all of which have been combed for details of lawyers. Some Grammar Schools have produced registers (e.g. Manchester and Wolverhampton) so these have been searched. There are also *Who's Who* volumes by counties which came out in the 1930s and *Pike's Contemporary Biographies* also by counties, which appeared early in the 20th century.

Many cathedrals and numerous parish churches feature monumental inscriptions to the great and the good as well as the humble country attorney. Even quite remotely situated churches sometimes display memorial inscriptions to distinguished lawyers (e.g. Lord Chief Justice Holt at Redgrave in Suffolk).

The index is biased towards the obscure rather than the famous because the latter are usually well documented elsewhere in the D. N. B. or Burke's Peerage, etc. As Lord Denning said to me when I consulted him about this project many years ago, "Concentrate on those lawyers who nobody much seems to have ever recorded". In consequence most of my *Lawyers Index* is about country attorneys over the last 200/300 years, although a few entries go back to Tudor times and earlier.

Lord Chief Justices, Barons of the Court of Exchequer and Judges of the High and County Courts mingle with barristers of obscure origins and attorneys known only within their own small spheres of influence.

On many winter nights after supper I sit by the fire adding to my Index, slowly and laboriously with pen and paper, regardless of the twenty first century and the new technology. If any reader would like to add to this index I would be most grateful. Below is a specimen card illustrating the type of information which I normally include, but lesser amounts of information is still most welcome.

LEWTHWAITE, John b. 1771 at Whitehaven, Cumb. 3rd s of Wm Lewthwaite J P of Brondgate, Millom, Cumb (See Lewthwaite Bt; B.P.) educ Hawkshead G S (contemp of W Wordsworth) career admitted an attorney in Chancery 1798 Practised on his own in Lancaster (1798-1821) Town Clerk & Clerk of the Peace (1802-1821) Removed from Office by private Act of Parliament 1821. Bankrupt & struck off Roll of Attorneys and Solicitors 1825. Retired to his wife's property Stott Park, Finsthwaite m 1798 Margaret dau & co-heir of Roger Taylor of Stott Park, Finsthwaite, N Lancs. (She d 1852). Issue William (a solr q.v.), Gilfrid & 2 daus (unm). He d. 12 Jun 1849, bur Finsthwaite(M.I.)

[For access to this index see Notice on p 16 of this Journal]

Forthcoming Conferences and Other Events

- 7 April, 2001** Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies
HERALDRY DAY SCHOOL
79-82, Northgate, Caterbury, Kent
- 20-22 April, 2001** Federation of Family History Societies Spring Conference
FROM THE CUP OF LOVE
Leicester University, Oadby
Incorporating the FFHS AGM & Council Meeting
- 5-6 May, 2001** Society of Genealogists
FAMILY HISTORY FAIR
Westminster
Showcase for Societies, Official Bodies & Commercial Firms
- 19 May, 2001** East Anglian Societies Day Conference
FAMILY HISTORY ODYSSEY
The Latton Bush Centre, Harlow, Essex
Hosted by the Essex Society for Family History
- 8-13 July, 2001** Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain
21st INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY
To be held in London – details fom Dr A P Joseph
- 31 August –
2 September,
2001** Society of Genealogists Autumn Conference
FORWARD TO THE PAST
Imperial College, London
Incorporating the FFHS Council Meeting
- 22 September,
2001** Public Record Office Open Day – Free Admission
VICTORIAN TIMES
Historical Recreations, Tours and Tableaux: 10-00 am – 4-00 pm
- 12-14 April, 2002** Guild of One-Name Studies Spring Conference
University of Warwick
Incorporating FFHS AGM & Council Meeting & also Guild AGM

BOOK REVIEW

The Journal of William Dowsing: Iconoclasm in East Anglia during the Civil War, edited by Trevor Cooper. Published by the Boydell Press, Woodbridge, in conjunction with The Ecclesiological Society, 2001. 576 pp, 234 x 156 mm, hardback. ISBN 0 85115 833 1, £50-00

This new compilation draws together a great deal of information about William Dowsing and the trail of destruction which he left behind him in the 1640s. Hitherto he has been regarded as an out and out vandal but, having been officially appointed as the Earl of Manchester's Commissioner for removing the monuments of idolatry and superstition from the churches of Cambridgeshire and Suffolk, he soon set about fulfilling his official responsibilities, averaging about four churches or college chapels a day.

He was usually accompanied by a deputy and a party of soldiers who carried out his orders to destroy the items listed in his inventory. He rarely stayed until the work had been completed as this slowed his rate of progress. Consequently he often left instructions for the work to be carried out later by others. After all the Parliamentary Ordinance of 28th August 1643 had specified that the churchwardens should make the necessary arrangements anyway.

Dowsing proved to be a thoroughgoing bureaucrat interpreting the Ordinance and Scripture to the letter. He felt it was his duty to enforce the second commandment by destroying the graven images. In a number of instances his activities were anticipated by the church and college authorities who removed the offending items beforehand, not always by destroying them, but occasionally hiding them away in safe places.

This book is important because, in addition to the Journal setting out Dowsing's own record of events, it presents extracts from churchwardens' accounts and other local archives which provide independent evidence of specific remedial expenditure at the time. For instance, at Kings College Chapel, work on the windows early in 1644 amounted to £12-3-0, consistent with the replacement of stained glass condemned by Dowsing.

Although the emphasis is very much on the 250 or so churches visited by Dowsing in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk, there are three chapters devoted to iconoclasm elsewhere, including other East Anglian counties. Although Dowsing was not personally involved in these other counties, his commission seems to have allowed him to appoint deputies, including Clement Gilley who appears to have been active in part of Suffolk and much of Norfolk.

From the family historian's point of view, one consequence of this puritanical

“cleansing” has been the loss of monumental inscriptions designated as superstitious, especially those associated with bells and brasses. Although in some cases the offending words were defaced, that segment of brass containing the inscription was often removed. However it was not unknown for an entire brass to be confiscated.

Coats of Arms in glass, stone or otherwise were exempted by the Ordinance provided they had been set up specifically to commemorate a royal or noble personage. For this reason a great deal of armorial glass has survived even though, in general, stained glass was the major casualty during the cleansing campaign.

The book’s editor, Trevor Cooper, has been very ably supported by John Blatchly, John Morrill, S L Sadler and Robert Walker, all of whom made outstanding contributions to our appreciation of the role of William Dowsing during the very turbulent times of the Civil War. The pages are packed full of detailed information and comment. There is a coloured frontispiece featuring a portrait of the iconoclast, together with 64 pages of illustrations which include black and white photographs, sketches and drawings; 40 maps; 2 figures and 27 tables.

There is no doubt that this is a major work of significance to everyone with an interest in the churches of East Anglia including the Cambridge College Chapels. It gives us a valuable insight into some remarkably radical changes within our places of worship, which were imposed by law and implemented with so much zeal.

Derek A Palgrave

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES

For those members who are regular users of the Internet we include below the addresses of some of the websites which are of particular interest to those engaged in genealogical or surname research. Of course the Society has its own website <http://www.cam.ac.uk/societies/cuhags> from which there are convenient links to many other sites and, as this has been updated recently, it is well worth logging on.

One of the most useful websites is that provided by GENUKI which has some 20,000 pages of linked information devoted to genealogy in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Visiting www.genuki.org.uk is especially helpful to those who are seeking an overview of genealogical resources. It contains links to many other sites such as the Federation of Family History Societies, www.ffhs.org.uk, the Society of Genealogists www.sog.org.uk and the Guild of One-Name Studies www.one-name.org.

A very comprehensive resource, albeit with strong United States patronage, is Cyndi's List, www.cyndislist.com, which has links to literally thousands of individual websites. However another very important US site is that established by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints at www.familysearch.org which enables the searcher to type in a specific name and within seconds extracts from records featuring that name are displayed on screen.

Several sites provide on-line catalogues including the British Library, www.opac97.bl.uk; the Public Record Office, www.pro.gov.uk and the Historical Manuscripts Commission, www.hms.gov.uk.

Notice

The Cockerill Lawyers' Index mentioned on page 12 is essentially a private compilation but open freely to members of CUHAGS. Enquiries from members of the general public to the compiler at Old Mill House, Weston Colville, Cambridge, CB1 5NY, will be answered for a modest fee and SSAE.

Editor's Postscript

This magazine, which appears each term, is the official publication of the Cambridge University Heraldic and Genealogical Society. I hope that members will use it to publicise their researches and to report any findings which might be helpful to other members. For instance if you discover an unusual archive which is of particular importance then please pass on details of your experience.

If any member has a substantial collection of data relating to a specific family, which he or she may have accumulated over a long period of time, then it would be worth while producing a short summary which could be included in a future issue of *the Escutcheon*. A simpler option, of course, is for members just to notify the family names in which they have an interest so we can publish lists from time to time. Some readers may recall that we first introduced this arrangement in 1995 when seven members took advantage of the opportunity to register several surnames.

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