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## **Society Programme: Lent Term 2011**

20 January, 2011

**Commonwealth Flag Project**

*Johnnie Amos*

3 February, 2011

**Population Studies and Social Structure**

*Gill Newton & Peter Kitson*

17 February, 2011

**Russell Lyon, Spitfire Pilot 1922-1944**

*Richard Lyon*

3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2011

**MOUNTBATTEN LECTURE  
Heraldry of York Minister**

*Paul Fox*

12 March, 2011

**Annual Dinner**

White Tie & Decorations or Black Tie

*Members & their guests may dine in Hall with the speaker prior to the 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,

Let me first seize this opportunity to extend my best wishes to you for a happy and prosperous 2011. We have behind us a term of CUHAGS events that has proved to be varied and educational as well as entertaining. I would like to emphasise how much of this is a direct result of the dedication of our own members.

This term both Lester Hillman and David Broomfield

addressed the society on topics close to their heart, and Simon Dean kindly volunteered to organise a visit to Eton College as a follow-up to David's talk.

I would like in particular to thank Derek and Pamela Palgrave for ensuring that the society participated in the University's annual Festival of Ideas in spite of a number of difficulties that led to us eventually cancelling our original plans. I am comforted to know that our capable members by their enthusiasm and commitment will ensure that the society continues to flourish even under a president who has no rival amongst his predecessors in his lack of knowledge of genealogy and heraldry.

This term we will welcome two academics from the Department of Geography whose work on the demographic history of pre-industrial England and its relation to family and occupational history I believe will prove of great interest to many of us. I am also delighted to welcome a former president of CUHAGS, Dr Paul A. Fox, who will deliver the Mountbatten Commemorative Lecture in the first week of March.

I very much look forward to welcoming as many members as possible to enjoy these opportunities to learn from people whose expertise is matched by their enthusiasm for their subject. Please also remember that you are welcome to bring guests and friends so that they may experience a truly unique Cambridge society.

Jeg ønsker alle et godt nytt år,  
Marius Larsen Jøhndal

## ST NICHOLAS' FEAST 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010

### *A Nine Century Norse Saga*

#### **St Barbaratide**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and the St Nicholas Feast offered our President the chance to mark also the Feast of St Barbara. Venerated by those in hazardous occupations St Barbara's patronage extends to warriors particularly gunners. Thunderbolts feature in images of St Barbara and are to be seen from time to time in heraldic representations. Miners, tunnellers and quarrymen maintain strong links to St Barbara. Whilst these are less frequented byways for CUHAGS the Society rose to the challenge as did Anne Widdecombe elsewhere holding the nation in thrall as she battled for a blue in ballroom dancing.

#### **Norse Helmsman**

Like two Norse long boats at anchor, our transportation awaited us in Clare Hall. Two by two and fired up with *Prosecco* we took our places at the rollicking rollocks, our Norwegian President at the helm with Norroy and Ulster King of Arms. There were powerful echoes of Norse warriors, Norwegian fleets and great battles resounding down nine centuries. King Sigurd of Norway and the French King of Jerusalem Baldwin concluded the Siege of Sidon (40 km South of modern day Beirut) 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> December 1110. *Heimskringla* 'The Chronicle of the Kings of Norway' (Online Medieval and Classical Library) charts Norse Nicholastides nine hundred years ago.

The journey to Sidon had taken several years. The first winter was in England with Henry son of Duke William of Normandy, Einar Skulason records it thus:-

*"...O'er the white-flashing surges,  
To England's coast he urges;  
And there he stays the winter o'er:  
More gallant king ne'er trod that shore."*

The next Nicholastide was in Galicia. There followed a number of battles including perhaps the first use of an airship – an ingenious assault from a vessel suspended against a cliff face. Finally after a long stay in Sicily with Duke Roger, in the summer of 1110 Sigurd's fleet set off for the Holy Land. After Sidon Baldwin laid on at least one great feast before Sigurd's return to Norway where he was to survive a score of Nicholastides.

#### **Lead Vanguard**

Nine centuries on the *Pigeon Breast with Butternut Squash Puree and Blackberry Sauce* (with added lead!) led the vanguard. Diners here and there including Mr A

Shakir handled the buckshot with aplomb. Mindful of Scandinavian WikiLeaks we ensured no pigeon could tell tales. A blonde *Novas Chardonnay 2008* complemented the early courses including *Pan Fried Sea Bass on a Bed of Lentils*. Our main course of *Venison with Caramelised Figs in a Port Wine Sauce* was fully worthy of the occasion as was the *Chateau Camensac 1999* and we cruised through *Black Cherry and Kirsch Truffle* to coffee and *Smith Woodhouse LBV 2005*. The traditional Mid-prandial Carols, accompanied by *Julian Cable* (seen left) at the keyboard, including Bohemian homage to that King and Saint Wenceslas, fortified us homeward which, for some, was indeed a good league hence.



Lester Hillman 19<sup>th</sup> December 2010

## AN HERALDIC REMEMBRANCE

Armistice Day and Martinmas Thursday 11th November 2010 offered a rare opportunity for remembrance when Lester Hillman gave a presentation 'St Pancras - On Time'. Earlier in the day a Service of Remembrance led by Fr Christopher Cawrse Holy Cross, Cromer Street had taken place in the International Station in London. Rachael Floyd, the Church Warden of Old St Pancras, was warmly welcomed to CUHAGS and an invitation to the Chaplain of St John's College had been extended.



Pictured in the Thirkill Room, Clare College, are (right to left) CUHAGS Honorary Vice Presidents, Derek Palgrave (Editor) and Gordon Wright (Senior Treasurer), Guest Speaker, Lester Hillman, and CUHAGS President 2010 – 2011, Marius Johndal

The Society visit to St Pancras International 14th November 2009 featured in the Escutcheon Vol 15 No. 1 Michaelmas 2009 pages 13 and 14. Johnian benefactor William Platt's memorial with its rich heraldic decoration in the ancient church of Old St Pancras illustrated that report. The presentation in Cambridge, scheduled on the anniversary of Platt's death in 1637, and a day now redolent in symbolism of remembrance revisited this fascinating part of London and portal to Cambridge. Platt's will included provisions to mark the anniversary of his passing and here nearly four centuries on CUHAGS offered an unique reflection.

The presentation also explored linkages to William Bruges the first Garter King of Arms who six hundred years ago held estate lands that almost certainly later formed part of the Midland Railway holdings at St Pancras. There are detailed records of a great feast in honour of Sigismund the Holy Roman Emperor. This was hosted by Bruges at his estate around Whitsuntide 1416, "...at his owne expense to himself" it cost Â£192 17 shillings and 8 pence halfpenny excluding wine and ale. CUHAGS members had earlier dined royally on Duck supreme in the Great Hall and refreshments in the Thirkill Room added flavour to the images served up by Lester better know as food columnist to the Escutcheon

William Bruges, the son of Lancaster Herald Richard Bruges, died on his estate just North of St Pancras 9th March 1450. His son in law John Smert became Garter 28th March 1450. The Letters Patent, confirmed 3rd April 1450, referred to Bruges 'egregius heraldus', an unique testament in the history of officers of arms - so recorded the late Hugh Stanford London (Clare 1903) in his work 'The Life of William Bruges - the first Garter King of Arms Harleian Society Publications 1970

In the history of Garter Kings of Arms 2010 will be remembered sadly for the passing of Sir Peter Gwynn-Jones (Trinity) who died 21st August. He was present at the CUHAGS dinner 25th March 2000. He was the 35th holder since William Bruges, initially declining the appointment he took it on temporarily. It was an office he held for nearly 15 years. Only one Patent of Arms is known to have been made by William Bruges, that to the Worshipful Company of Drapers 10th March 1438/9. By contrast Sir Peter Gwynn-Jones introduced over 400 peers to the House of Lords and completed almost 1000 designs of arms.

Lester Hillman  
21st November 2010

## **ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF IDEAS**

The Society's contribution to this year's Festival of Ideas was in the form of an Heraldic Exhibition in the Ante Chapel at Clare College (by kind permission of the Dean). Forty or so visitors came along on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2010 not only to look at our display of armorial posters and drawings but also to ask questions about the use, and abuse, of heraldic symbolism in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**SIR PETER GWYNNE-JONES, K.C.V.O., F.S.A.**  
**LATE GARTER PRINCIPAL KING OF ARMS**

*Sir Peter died on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2010. The following appreciation has been contributed by David White, Somerset Herald and a CUHAGS Vice President. It is based on his remarks at Sir Peter's Memorial Service.*

Peter was drawn to becoming a herald because of a childhood interest in genealogy. Beginning by drawing up pedigrees of the Greek gods he moved on to investigate his own forebears. His father's assurances that the Jones's were of gentry stock and descended from Welsh princes turned to dust when his researches showed them traceable no further back than the early nineteenth century, when they were master masons at Coity in Glamorganshire and one a seller of flowers and potatoes in Bridgend market. This was an early preparation for the task heralds often have of stripping away the delusions clients may have about their ancestors. He took solace from his maternal ancestry which was something rather grander. Like many genealogists Peter lived with his ancestors, and not just because he came to inherit the family portraits of his mother's Harrison family: he thought about his ancestors every day, and he talked about them at length. Peter's colleagues came to feel they knew Peter's ancestors very well indeed. At moments of genealogical grandeur he would even muse on the possibility of his own descent from Rameses II.

First joining the College of Arms as a researcher in 1967, he was appointed Bluemantle Pursuivant in 1973, and became Lancaster Herald in 1982. In the Record Room, the College's main library and the engine room of its researches, Peter was always very open in his work, happy to pass on his knowledge and experience, sharing exciting discoveries in the manuscripts, interested to hear the opinion of others present. He never took the slightest notice of the prominently displayed sign 'Silence is Golden' and barked his reports to his clients into his Dictaphone. Throughout his career, Peter followed the Duke of Wellington in doing the work of the day in the day. On some days he would get it all done by 4 o'clock, and then he would be bored. He liked to be busy.

In 1995 he became Garter King of Arms, the 36<sup>th</sup> person to hold that office since it was established by Henry V in 1415. In his near fifteen years as Garter he was highly accessible and available to his colleagues and to College of Arms staff. One could always see him without an appointment, but if while he considered the finer points of one's design for a new coat of arms he removed his shoes and trousers, one learnt not to be perturbed as it merely meant he was getting ready to put on his stockings and breeches before going to the House of Lords.

Peter's Gartership coincided with a huge number of peerage creations; he interviewed approximately four hundred new peers and formally introduced them into the House of Lords; more than any Garter in history. His tabard wore out and a new one had to be made for him. He used to say that his regular appearances at the Lords made him feel like its mascot, as if he were a regimental goat.

A curious myth has grown up about Peter since his death. This took its most developed form in his obituary in *The Scotsman* which declared that he was 'a devotee of new technology'. He **did** design a coat of arms where computing was represented by a mouse supporting an abacus, and he **was** known to have developed his computer skills as far as playing a game where an on-screen frog had to catch flies, but his devotion to new technology went no further than that.

Peter was a simply superb heraldic designer. His designs are bold and uncluttered, exuberant and innovative, medieval in their spirit of simplicity, usually with a rigorous underlying symmetry. He was particularly adept at finding original ways of using the traditional simple charges of crosses, fesses, bends, and pales. He cotised them, voided them, couped them and conjoined them to other charges. His other source of strength as a designer was his deep and long-standing interest in natural history. He abhorred the trite lion and stag and introduced a wide range of exotic fauna, never rendered in their natural hues of brown and grey, but always in heraldic colours or gold or silver. The armadillo for a tank commander, an ant-eater for somebody called Anthony, a blue kiwi holding a gold ice pick for Edmund Hillary, the wombat, the long-eared bandicoot, the mongoose, the sulphur-crested cockatoo, the sugarbird, the blackbuck and many, many more exotics were all used by him to enliven the world of English heraldry.

His own arms, shown on the order of service, exemplify his strengths as a designer. The shield bears a simple engrailed fret and droplets of blood. You could always get Peter to rise if you described his crest as 'the South American rat'. 'The coati is not a rodent', he would tell you, 'it is a type of racoon'. And of course, he had chosen the coati as his crest in part as a pun on his family's place of origin, Coity, in Wales. It is in this splendid corpus that he produced during his career of some thousand heraldic designs, for corporations, individuals and regiments, that Peter leave us a legacy which will endure for centuries to come.

*[Editorial Note:*

*I met Peter Gwynne-Jones during the 1980s when he was Bluemantle Pursuivant. He allowed me to incorporate devices in my Arms & Badge based on the structures of hexamethyl benzene and polymeric chains of phosphate tetrahedra.]*

## SOCIETY VISIT TO ETON COLLEGE

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, a group of about 15 members of the Society, some from Cambridge and others from London, were treated to a wonderful visit to Eton College, where we received the warmest hospitality.

On arrival we were each handed a comprehensive 20-page booklet, replete with crisp colour illustrations, painstakingly compiled by our host, Simon Dean, a longstanding CUH&GS member and now a master at Eton of several years' standing.

Our first port of call was to College Hall where the 70 Eton scholars dine. (Pupils of other houses are known as "Oppidans" and dine elsewhere.) Here above the fireplace the arms of the Founder are resplendently displayed, with the inscription "Henricus VI Fundator 1440". David Broomfield, our expert guide for the day (and as a perfect complement to his erudite talk to the Society three weeks earlier), gave us a guided commentary on the arms of various Provosts on display, pointing out any heraldic errors. Also, engraved on a wooden panel in one corner of the hall we saw an item of Tudor Elizabethan graffiti(!): "*Queene Elizabetha ad nos gave October X 2 loves [loaves] in a Mes*" [sic]. We were then entertained to a most sumptuous lunch in the Masters' Common Room, with Simon as the perfect and attentive host. We were treated to Madeira with soup, white or red wine with our choice of main course, and then a bottle of Brown Brothers Orange Muscat slipped down a treat with dessert.

Of the many post-prandial heraldic and architectural highlights we then enjoyed, arguably the most memorable was a personal tour around the Provost's Lodge given by the Provost's wife, Lady Waldegrave. We also visited the Election Hall, College Chapel and Lower Chapel, and rounded off our visit with afternoon tea at Evans's, where Simon is a housemaster. There, the Selwynites among us were pleasantly surprised to see a memorial plaque and portrait of Bishop George Augustus Selwyn, who was a resident tutor at Evans's in the 1830s.

Our collective heartfelt thanks are due to Simon Dean and David Broomfield for such a superbly planned and executed visit.

Floreat Etona!

*Julian Cable*

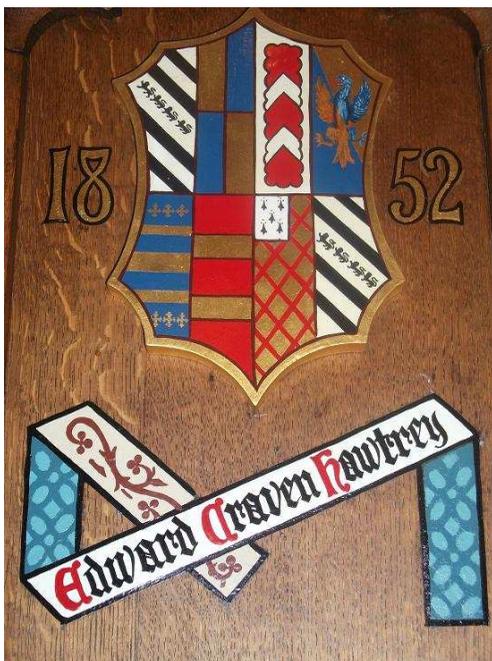
*The following articles, contributed by David Broomfield, amplify some of the observations he made during the Society's visit to Eton.*

## DR EDWARD CRAVEN HAWTREY PROVOST OF ETON

**Dr Edward Craven Hawtre**y (1789-1862) could be said to have had Eton in his blood. His father, Edward, had been to Eton and was a scholar at King's and was later a Fellow of Eton. His mother, Elizabeth, was the sister of John Foster who was Headmaster of Eton 1765-73.

Young Edward entered Eton in 1807 and graduated from King's in 1812. He was a Fellow of King's from 1810 to 1835. After tutoring the sons of the Earl of Shrewsbury he returned to Eton to become an Assistant Master. In 1834 he was made Headmaster and from 1852 until his death he was Provost.

As Headmaster and as Provost he made great strides in improving the school. He introduced mathematics and modern languages into the curriculum and built a sanatorium. He also abolished "Montem" a traditional Eton festival that had involved a parade of boys in outlandish costume and that had usually ended in a riot. He also closed the Christopher Inn a frequent cause of trouble amongst the older boys. He also did his best to curb bullying and under his stewardship the school grew from 450 to 600 pupils.



His generosity was legendary. "Montem" was a way of raising money for the Captain of the School, when he abolished it Hawtre paid the boy who lost out £300 of his own money. A lover of books he frequently gave them as gifts and helped Winthrop Mackworth Praed found a school library. Sadly when he became Provost he had to sell his own books in order to furnish the Lodge. Towards the end of his life he became an obstacle to reform, particularly that which arose from the

Clarendon Commission. His death enabled less hide-bound men take the school forward. He was the last person to be buried in the Chapel at Eton.

Hawtrey's arms appear more often than those of any other Provost at Eton and usually they are quartered. The basic Hawtrey arms were "Argent four lions passant guardant between four bendlets sable", although the lions are not always shown guardant and in one instance there are only three of them! The crest is simply "A lion passant guardant sable".

Family legend had it that their ancestor came over with the Conqueror, fought at Hastings and fired the arrow that hit King Harold in the eye, well someone had to do it. It is not until the reign of King Henry III that we are on firmer genealogical ground with Sir William de Alta Ripa of Algarkirk, Lincolnshire. "De Alta Ripa" became, in Norman-French, "Haut-Rive" which in turn was Anglicised as Hawtrey. Sir William married Katherine daughter and heiress of Sir Ralph de Scaccario or "of the Exchequer". This marriage is commemorated by the second quarter of Hawtrey's arms "Quarterly or and azure". Ralph's grandfather, Elias, had been responsible for setting out the "scaccarium" or chequerboard used in Medieval accounting. His arms were usually shown as "Checky or and azure".

The great great grandson of this marriage Richard Hawtrey (temp. Henry V) married Margaret daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas Paynell (the third quarter "Gules two chevrons within a border engrailed argent"). Their son, Thomas (temp. Edward IV) married Katherine daughter and heiress of Thomas Blackenhall "Per bend or and azure an eagle displayed counterchanged", the subsequent quarterings were ancestors of the Blackenhalls.

The Hawtreys had inherited from the de Scaccarios the estate of Chequers in Buckinghamshire and they owned it from the 13th Century to the end of the 16th. Chequers is now the country residence of the Prime Minister. Edward Craven Hawtrey's branch of the family was descended from the second son of Thomas Hawtrey who lived in the reign of King Henry VII. The senior branch of the family became extinct in the male line in 1597.

As well as at Eton Hawtrey heraldry appears prominently in the Long Gallery of Chequers. Lord Lee of Fareham adorned the windows with the arms of all of the house's previous occupants.

Sources:

*Tim Card's entry on E C Hawtrey Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*

*Chequers: the Prime Minister's Country House and its History by Norma Major 1996*

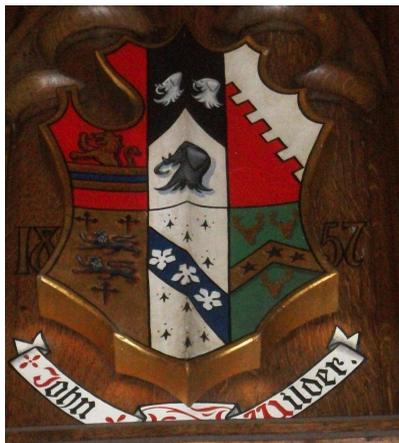
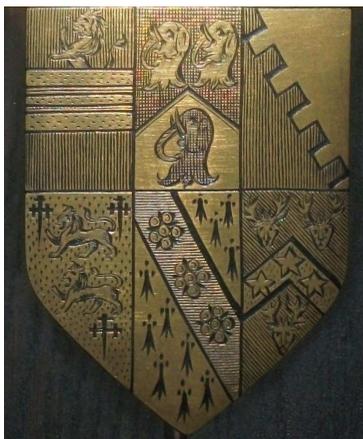
*The History of the Hawtrey Family by Florence Molesworth Hawtrey 1903*

## REV JOHN WILDER VICE PROVOST OF ETON

Rev John Wilder (1801-92) was the second son of John Wilder (d.1834) of Purley Hall, Berkshire. He was educated at Eton where he was Captain of Montem, the most senior of the Collegers. At King's he won the Browne Medal in 1823 and graduated a year later. He was ordained a priest in 1825 and was a Fellow of King's from 1823 to 1831. From 1824 until 1840 he was an Assistant Master at Eton, a Fellow from 1840 until 1885 and Vice-Provost 1885-92. He was Rector of Sulham in Berkshire from 1836 until his death, this is no surprise as a Wilder occupied Sulham's rectory from 1785 until 1944 with rarely a break. John rebuilt the church of St Nicholas in 1838. He was a generous benefactor to Eton which goes to explain the fact that his arms appear in five separate places in the school.

Charles Wilder (1808-38) was the third son of John Wilder (d.1834) and younger brother of Rev John Wilder. He too was educated at Eton and King's, graduating in 1831. He was a Fellow of King's from 1830 and an Assistant Master at Eton from 1831. He died at Eton, aged only 30, from a fever contracted in Italy. His arms appear once at Eton.

The Wilders claimed descent from a Nicholas Wilder or Wyldar from Germany who came to England as a mercenary in the train of Henry Tudor Earl of Richmond. After Henry's victory at Bosworth Nicholas was said to have been rewarded with an estate and a coat of arms. These arms appear in the first quarter of the family's arms: "Gules from a fess or charged with two barrulets azure a demi lion rampant issuant or". The fess is sometimes shown with only one barrulet, two is correct.



Henry Wilder (d.1755) married Elizabeth daughter and co-heiress of Thomas Saunders. This provides us with the second quarter for Saunders: "Per chevron sable and argent three elephants' heads erased counter changed". Henry and Elizabeth's son John Wilder (d.1772) married Beaufoy daughter and co-heiress of Captain William Boyle (d.1725). Boyle was the younger brother of Henry Boyle (1686-1764) Speaker of the Irish House of Commons and Chancellor of the Irish Exchequer who was created Earl of Shannon in 1756. They in turn were grandsons of the 1st Earl of Orrery who was in turn the second son of the 1st Earl of Cork. Captain Boyle had married Martha daughter and co-heiress of Sir Samuel Garth MD (1661-1719) physician to Queen Anne and King George I. Sir Samuel Garth had married Martha sister and heiress of Sir Henry Beaufoy (d.1678) whose ancestor Henry Beaufoy had married Joan daughter and co-heiress of John Hugford (d.1485). Thus Boyle "Per bend embattled argent and gules" brings in Garth "Or two lions passant in pale between three cross crosslets fitchy sable" which brings in Beaufoy "Ermine on a bend azure three cinquefoils argent" which in turn brings in Hugford "Vert on a chevron between three stags' head caboshed or as many mullets sable".

Rev John Wilder married twice. His first wife was Mary daughter of Rev Gilbert Heathcote and his second Mary daughter of Rev George Deane. Their arms are shown in the wall monument to John Wilder in the Ante Chapel. One shield shows the arms of Wilder only while the second has the arms of Wilder impaling two coats of arms on the sinister side, the upper one being "Ermine three roundels vert 2 and 1 each charged with a cross coupé or" for Heathcote the one below it "Vert on a chevron between three eagles' heads erased or five mullets sable" for Deane.

### Source

*"Coats of Arms in Berkshire Churches" by PS Spokes 1933*

## SIR HENRY BABBINGTON SMITH

Sir Henry Babington Smith GBE CH KCB CSI (1863-1923) was the sixth (but fifth surviving) son of Archibald Smith (d.1872). He was a King's Scholar at Eton and won the Tomline prize for mathematics and the Newcastle medal. He was also Captain of the School. At Trinity College, Cambridge he gained a double first in classics and won the Browne medal for latin epigrams three years running. In 1885 he was elected a member of the Apostles (following in the footsteps of two of his brothers). In 1891 he became principal private secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and in 1894 to Lord Elgin when he became Viceroy of India. Whilst in India he married Lord Elgin's eldest daughter Lady Elizabeth Bruce, they had four sons and six daughters.

In 1900 he was sent to Natal to investigate its finances and from 1903 to 1909 was secretary for the General Post Office. In 1909 he left the Civil Service and served on

the Council of Administration for the Turkish National Debt and was President of the National Bank of Turkey. During the war he headed a variety of committees and Royal Commissions. After the Great War he went to the USA with Lord Reading as Assistant High Commissioner. In 1920 he was made a director of the Bank of England. For his services he was made a Companion of Honour in 1917 and GBE in 1920 although his proudest honour was to be made a Fellow of Eton.

He declined the offer of becoming Governor of Bombay as it would have meant taking a peerage, an honour he did not crave and which he thought would be a burden to his family. He died at his home in Saffron Walden and is buried at Eton. His second son, Harry, was an Assistant Master and House Master at Eton. Constance Babington Smith (1912-2000), whose analysis of aerial reconnaissance photographs detected the launch site of the V1 rockets, was one of his daughters.

Sir Henry's grandfather was James Smith of Jordanhill (1782-1867) the eldest of the five children of Archibald Smith (d.1821) a West India merchant who purchased the estate at Jordanhill, Renfrewshire. James was educated at Glasgow Grammar School and Glasgow University. He inherited the family seat at Jordanhill on his father's death. An enthusiastic yachtsman and skilled navigator he used his skills in his geological and biblical researches. He proved that a colder climate preceded the current one and identified St Paul's shipwreck to have happened on Malta.

James Smith's eldest son was Archibald Smith (1813-72) who attended Glasgow University and then Trinity College, Cambridge where he graduated in 1836. He was Senior Wrangler and First Smith's Prizeman and was elected a Fellow. In 1837 he founded the Cambridge Mathematical Journal. Between 1842 and 1847 he used Poisson's general equation to correct observations made on board a ship which he then converted into tabular form, he also calculated the effect an iron ship had on its compass. For this work he was awarded a Gold Medal by the Royal Society, a grant of £2,000 from the government and a golden compass studded with 32 diamonds from the Tsar of Russia. His eldest son became MP for Partick in Lanarkshire, his fourth son, Arthur, was Keeper of Greek and Roman antiquities at the British Museum and his sixth son was Sir Henry.



Sir Henry's arms were: "Gules a chevron ermine between in chief two crescents and in base a garb or in chief an annulet for difference argent all within a border engrailed or". The annulet is the cadency mark for a fifth son, although born his father's sixth son the death of an older brother "promoted" him for the purposes of cadency. The arms are derived from those granted in 1802 to Smith of Craigen, Co. Stirling, the engrailed

border was added to difference the arms of Smith of Jordanhill from the senior branch of the family

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## NOTICES AND GENERAL NEWS

### **Congratulations**

We offer congratulations to our Vice President, Henry Paston-Bedingfeld, on his recent appointment as Norroy and Ulster King of Arms. It was the Society's pleasure to entertain him and his wife at the St Nicholas Feast held in Clare College on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

Congratulations are also due to former C.U.H.A.G.S. President, Antti Matikkala, who has been elected a Membre Associé de l'Académie Internationale d'Héraldique. For his recent book, he also received the Prix Dr Walburga von Habsburg Douglas of the Confédération Internationale de Généalogie et d'Héraldique, awarded during the XXIX International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences at Stuttgart in September.

Members will no doubt wish to congratulate Society member, John Tunesi of Liongam, on the award of the degree of M.Sc. from the University of Strathclyde for his dissertation on the genealogical connections of the early 17<sup>th</sup> century Baronets.

We take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Society of Genealogists, founded in 1911, on the eve of its Centenary. A number of members of that Society were instrumental in developing our own Society within the University during the 1950s, so we have very good reason to recognise those pioneers who, a century ago, did so much to provide a firm base for modern genealogical research. They paved the way for anyone and everyone to explore his or her family history and had already accumulated a substantial library of source material long before the advent of "*Who Do You Think You Are?*". In fact many members of the Society of Genealogists were enthusiastic supporters of the initiatives in the early 1970s to establish local family history societies throughout the United Kingdom.

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## SOCIETY'S FINANCIAL POSITION

### Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th September 2010

	2010	2009	
	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>			
Subscriptions	945	1,198	
Donations	151	170	
Surplus on Sales	112	33	
Surplus on Social Events	0	30	
Premium Bond Prize			
		1,208	1,432
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Freshers' Fair	55	55	
Deficit on Speaker Meetings	755	0	
FFHS Ins & Annual Sub	82	82	
Printing the Escutcheon	176	161	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	42	122	
Sundry	45		
		1155	421
	£ 53		£ 1,011

**Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2010**

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash at bank		3,655		4084
Premium Bonds		1,000		1000
Stock of ties and scarves		193		45
Payments in advance:				
Freshers' Fair	25		55	
		25		55
		4,873		5,184
Deduct:				
Subs received in advance		0		80
		4,873		5,104
Sundry Debtors		284		0
<b>Total Assets</b>		£ 5,157		£ 5,104
<b>Represented by:</b>				
<b>General Fund as at 1st October 2009</b>		4,044		3033
		4,044		3033
Surplus for the year		53		1011
Balance as at 30th Sept 2010		4,097		4,044
<b>Eve Logan Fund</b>				
Balance as at 30th Sept 2010		131		131
<b>Publications Fund</b>				
Balance as at 30th Sept 2010		929		929
		£ 5,157		£ 5,104

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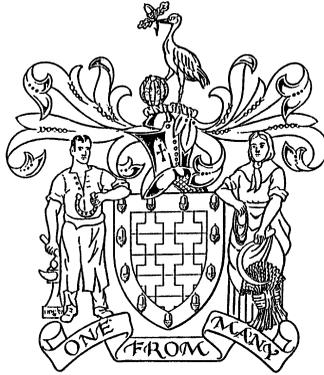
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