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CROWDED PARTY KICKS OFF 2006

Verulamium Museum once again provided a great venue for our annual New Year Party – easy access, plenty of parking, rooms for eating and socialising – and all in an environment with a suitably ‘historical’ ambience.

This year the Museum rooms seemed more crowded than ever and a buzz of conversation greeted later arrivals as everyone struggled with the three competitions on offer as the evening’s entertainment. Amazing how competitive an apparently modest group of people can be!

As usual, Chris Green had extracted some strange objects from the museum collection to challenge our imaginations, while Bryan Hanlon excelled himself with a picture quiz and a long list of questions about the history of St Albans, Hertfordshire, architecture and archaeology. Some people seemed to have total recall, but for many of us the quizzes revealed just how much we still have to learn. Lots of scope here for gathering knowledge during our wonderful lecture programme.

During the evening we made formal acknowledgments to some of our longest serving members of Council. Joyce Winn, retiring as Minutes Secretary, and Joyce Wells, retiring as Librarian, were thanked, unfortunately *in absentia*, while Megan Atton, handing over the baton as Membership Secretary, we thanked in person. Their roles have been acknowledged in previous issues of the newsletter, but we have no hesitation in mentioning them once again.

Finally, a word of thanks to all those who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the party go with a swing. In particular, we should mention Doreen Bratby and her team of volunteer chefs who laid on a splendid spread, Bryan Hanlon whose sterling service behind the bar ensured that glasses were seldom empty, and Van Hryniewicz, standing in for Brian Bending to ensure the supply of traditional mulled wine.

If you missed the party this time, we advise you to come along to welcome 2007 with a convivial, entertaining and informative evening.

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Nail-biting time as we check our quiz results. Two SAHAAS presidents are in the centre, Clare Ellis (seated) and Past President Margaret Taylor



Chris Green has an attentive audience as he unveils his ‘objects’ quiz

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My first official visit as President of the A&A was an invitation to the 150th Anniversary of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society. This was held in the splendid setting of the Museum of London, with an opportunity to visit their new Mediaeval exhibition, which I can strongly recommend.



On arrival, the first person I saw was Dr John Schofield, who gave us such a splendid talk in November on 'London and the Gunpowder Plot'. I took pleasure in pointing out to the Chairman that we had already celebrated our 150th anniversary in 1995! Apparently we are recognised as being the first of a group of such societies.

Our New Year Party was as successful as ever, the food was delicious, and Van Hryniewicz nobly stepped into Brian Bending's shoes to ensure that we did not miss out on our hot punch. Our grateful thanks are due to Bryan Hanlon, Doreen Bratby and many others. Sadly, having planned to use this occasion to thank Joyce Wells (Librarian), Megan Atton (Membership Secretary) and Joyce Winn (Minutes Secretary), for their long service to the Society, only Megan was able to attend. Our gratitude and best wishes go to them all.

Finally, the District Council has recently appointed Historic Environment Champions 'to ensure that the historic environment plays a central role in the development of all the authority's policies, plans, targets and strategies'. The two Councillors selected just happen to be former A&A President, Kate Morris, and myself!

Clare Ellis

President

LIBRARY UPDATE

The library move took place last month with few hitches, thanks to our team of willing volunteers on the day. We are in the process of preparing for a new opening and will keep members in the picture. Hopefully our city centre location will allow many more members to use the facilities.

Three experienced librarians were along those volunteering to help with the upgrading of the library. We have an ambitious plan, including the computerisation of our catalogue and Council has already approved significant expenditure in principle with this in mind.

More about the way ahead for our collection in a future edition of the newsletter.

SAHAAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday 16th May 2006, at Verulamium Museum, St Michael's.

The agenda, annual reports and accounts will be contained in the next newsletter.

Should any member wish to raise any matter under Any Other Business, would they please provide a written resolution to the Secretary, Bryan Hanlon, at the address on the front page, no later than 31st March in order that it may appear on the agenda.

By order of the Council:

John Thomson

Hon Treasurer

DR JOHN LUNN

In Dr Lunn's Obituary published last November, we surmised that not many present members would remember him, as he moved to Canada in 1957. However Mr David Godfrey-Evans writes to say that he and John Lunn won Choral Scholarships to St John's College Oxford in 1933. So they sang together in the College choir from the age of ten and this was the start of a lifelong friendship. We are very grateful to Mr Godfrey-Evans for this reminder that historical information can come from quite unexpected sources.

ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP REPORT

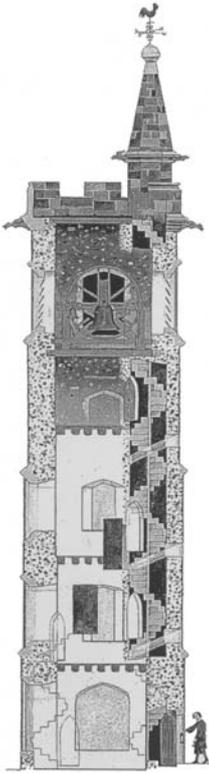
Work continued on our current geophysical survey up to the Christmas break, with surveying on one Sunday morning in December made memorable by the towering backdrop of the Buncefield smoke column. As yet there is no clear confirmation of the Roman site indicated by fieldwalking finds.

Immediately after the holiday we were concerned with the logistics of our part of the move out of Kyngston House. When approached, Will Dickinson very kindly offered the Society space to store fieldwork equipment in an outbuilding on Cross Farm. Our part of the deal was to clear the necessary space, which turned out to be tantamount to an industrial archaeology excavation itself. However, we now have adequate storage in proximity to where we are most likely to be using the equipment. The out-building is (we like to think) somewhat tidier, so both parties have benefited.

Roger Miles

Archaeology Group

CLOCK TOWER NEW SEASON



The Clock Tower season opens as usual at Easter, and since that means four open-days, we share the weekend with the Civic Society. Last year it was very hard to find sufficient volunteers for each weekend – and the Society stands to lose considerable income if we cannot help keep this unique building open! Each year, a proportion of the Clock Tower admission fees is divided between ourselves and the Civic Society. This represents quite a large sum, and helps to maintain our low subscription rates. The Arc&Arc was instrumental in helping to save the Clock Tower from further decay, and opening it to the public in the 1970s. So before you stop reading, and think "leave it to someone else" - please think again.

In a Society of approximately 500 members, fewer than 100 are regular 'Clockateers': some of whom have to do extra duties because of the lack of help. There must be many more of you who could spare 90 minutes during a weekend. All that's required is to sit in the Clock Tower, greeting visitors, handing out leaflets and taking the money. It is actually fun chatting to overseas tourists, and locals who have only just discovered it - why leave it all to others?

The usual Clock Watchers' Party, held each year to thank our volunteers, will be held on Friday 17th March. Invitations will be sent out shortly. Anyone interested in

helping in the Clock Tower is welcome to come to the party, and should contact me for more details.

Our weekends are shown below: please consult your diaries to see which dates you could help out?

By the way, we swapped September weekends with the Civic Society at their suggestion so that we did not do the Heritage Open Days yet again!

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SAHAAS DUTY WEEKENDS

Easter Friday 14th April and Saturday 15th April

Saturday 22nd April and Sunday 23rd April

Saturday 6th May and Sunday 7th May

Saturday 20th May and Sunday 21st May

Saturday 3rd June and Sunday 4th June

Saturday 17th June and Sunday 18th June

Saturday 1st July and Sunday 2nd July

Saturday 15th July and Sunday 16th July

Saturday 29th July and Sunday 30th July

Saturday 12th August and Sunday 13th August

Saturday 26th August, Sunday 27th August and Bank Holiday Monday 28th August

Saturday 2nd September and Sunday 3rd September

CAN YOU HELP WITH RESEARCH?

The Society's Council has been considering how it should best support and encourage more new research. Pat Howe and Kate Morris have been asked to report on this. In order to do so, they would like to gather together a group of experienced researchers who could provide support for new projects. If you could offer expertise or support of this kind, Pat (857274) or Kate (868434) would be interested to hear from you.

The Society would specifically like to encourage those new to research. Anyone interested in getting started, or who would like support on their research should also get in touch with Pat or Kate.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members who have joined since our last newsletter and hope they will enjoy taking an active role in Society activities.

Richard Harvey	Gainsborough Avenue, St Albans
Yvonne Brunning	Woodlands, Park Street
Catherine Nixon	Old Sopwell Gardens, St Albans
Patsy Cook,	Marford Road, Wheathampstead
IM Christopher	Mayflower Road, Park Street

HERTFORDSHIRE GARDENS TRUST**Royal Landscape: the History of the Royal Parks at Windsor**

A lecture by

Jane Roberts*Librarian and Curator of the Print Room,
The Royal Collection, Windsor Castle***Monday 20th March 2006**

in the Ballroom, County Hall, Hertford

7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

The story of the generations of gardeners, architects and farmers who have worked and developed the 4800 acre Great Park and 650 acre Home Park at Windsor. An extensive and beautifully illustrated account

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**FORMER PRESIDENT
TOPS 90**

Those of us who have watched Margaret Taylor taking a very active part in most of the Society's digs over the last twenty years or so, will hardly credit that she celebrated her 90th birthday in December. Among many other successes she came closer than anyone else to discovering evidence of St Alban's first shrine, during Martin Biddle's Abbey investigations. Further afield, her archaeological achievements in the New World have already been detailed in this Newsletter.



Margaret and her husband, the headmaster of Haberdashers School, came to St Albans and the Society in the 1970s, as the result of the school moving from London to Elstree. Since then, her contributions to the work of the Society have been many and varied, culminating in a very successful term as President from 1997 to 1990.

We would all like to congratulate Margaret, and to thank her for all her support so far. So – many happy returns! – and I hope the Editor will be keeping a space in the Newsletter for the year 2015!

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POST-MEDIAEVAL ST ALBANS**A SEMINAR RUN BY ST ALBANS MUSEUM
SERVICE**

A packed house listened intently on Saturday 11th February to a range of contributions on the archaeology, transport, property and social history of St Albans from the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries. Introduced by Brian Adams, staff from both our own museums and the Museum of London made contributions, as did three Society members. Kate Morris introduced the Society's work, describing the celebrations commemorating the 1553 royal Borough charter in 2003, and giving an overview of corporate Tudor St Albans. Gerard McSweeney presented his findings on two medieval inns, the Black Bull and the Saracens' Head in Bowgate from seventeenth century deeds, and Irene Cowan presented an overview of the work of the 17th Century Population Research Group. All three presentations were well received. Two members of the audience joined the Society as a result and several copies of the 17th Century Group's Book *St Albans - A Thoroughfare Town*, the souvenir *Charter* book and our book on *The Pemberton Almshouses* were sold.

It was an interesting day, and a good demonstration of the benefits of this close cooperation between the Museum Service and the Society; an excellent opportunity for the Society's work to be promoted more widely.

Kate Morris

ARCHITECTURE AND LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our October lecturer was Chris Reynolds, whose subject was **The Army in WWI** stationed in west Herts. The London Division of the Territorials came to Hemel Hempstead in 1914; their training camp was at Ashridge. On the outbreak of war, schools were commandeered. The purchase of sufficient horses was a problem; many were commandeered and found to be untrained to eat oats!

The preparation of the Division and the gathering of supplies for the Great War made an interesting story. As an illustration of the terrible slaughter which followed when the 'Terries' went to France, 350 were killed on the first day of battle. In 1917 the whole Herts regiment was wiped out: only the padre survived.

Chris has an extensive website on the subject, constantly updated, at www.hertfordshiregeanealogy.co.uk.

The next lecture was given by Gene Mitchell on **Slum Life in 19th Century Kings Cross**.

In the 18th century the area was a country estate owned by the Russells. Baron Somers owned the Brill House estate, which began to be developed for housing in 1773 and became a new town as Somerstown. In 20 years all the gardens had gone as building pressures increased. Another new town was created on the estate of William Agar KC, and in 1810 the Regent Canal was built across his very boggy land.

By 1868, householders were displaced from Somerstown and Agarstown as the railway companies bought up the land and St Pancras and Kings Cross stations followed, and with the appearance of the gasometers so familiar to those of us commuting up to London.

Gene's interesting lecture cast a new light on an area so well known to Hertfordshire travellers.

Hugh Lewis gave a very good talk on **Sir Herbert Herkomer**, German by birth, and a self-taught artist who became a noted Victorian painter. He painted a group of Chelsea Pensioners entitled *The Last Muster*

at 26 and became a well known painter of Victorians, including Disraeli and Ruskin. He bought an estate at Bushey and built a Bavarian-style house which was named Lululawn (now mostly destroyed).

Herkomer embarked on lecture tours both here and in the USA. He ran an art school in Bushey until 1904, when it was taken over by Lucy Kemp Welsh, as well as a theatre which was later turned into an early film studio.

Knighted by Edward VII, he died in 1914 after a life full of achievement and interest, during which he made a substantial contribution to Bushey life.

Our next speaker was Kevin Fitzgerald, who outlined the beginnings of the **Council for the Protection of Rural England**. Here in Herts it started as the Hertfordshire Society in 1937, and still retains that title. CPRE was an early supporter of green belt policies in the 1930s and campaigns hard against inappropriate over-development in this hard-pressed county of ours. It keeps issues such as airport expansion, the spread of large housing projects, lighting ('night blight') policy and the sale of plotlands under surveillance. CPRE needs our support to save what is left of our countryside: once lost, it is gone for ever!

We welcomed back John Cox to trace the history of **Jim Forrester, 5th Earl of Verulam**. John outlined the history of the family and is at work sorting out the huge correspondence surrounding Jim Forrester's business activities. He was a very successful businessman in the engineering field and travelled extensively. He was associated with SAHAAS and the Verulamium excavations in 1956. He died in 1960 at the early age of 50. Jim Forrester, as he liked to be known, had an interesting career and his correspondence is destined for the Herts archives.

In December Jane Kelsall traced the history of **Gothic Architecture from the 12th to 16th Century**, when the Renaissance classical style was introduced. However, there were

THANKS TO BARRY

Barry Walkington has had to give up as secretary of the Group due to ill health. He did a marvellous job, over the last four years, compiling and arranging the Tuesday lectures, which covered a wide variety of historic subjects, both ancient and modern.

On behalf of members, thank you, Barry, for doing such an excellent job for us, and our sincere good wishes for your future health

gothic revivals – examples being Hawksmoor's work at Westminster Abbey, Walpole's Strawberry Hill and the Houses of Parliament by Pugin and Barry. Jane's lecture was a very comprehensive and informative coverage of the subject, illustrated, as always, by David's excellent photographs.

Our next talk, on **Victorian Garden History**, was given by Isobel Leek. After the 18th century, when gardens were replaced by landscaping designed by Capability Brown and Repton, Victorian gardeners turned to ribbon bedding and shrubberies. New plants were discovered by plant hunters abroad and grown in the new glasshouses, of which Repton was a leading exponent. The development of their gardening techniques led to the wonderful diversity of modern-day gardens.

Robin Webb joined us to describe the origins of his **16th century thatched cottage and its restoration** over a period of some 20 years. The house probably started as a barn, and was doubled in length in 1625 when a fireplace and chimney were erected in the centre of the extended building. In the latter 17th century first floors were added, reached by ladders, and it became two dwellings. Robin bought the building in 1964 and described all the problems encountered (including being flooded by the River Rib in 1968) over a long period of restoration which has finally culminated in a charming picture-

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MEMBERS' PUBLICATIONS

Many of our members regularly publish in other books or journals and we are keen to compile a list of such publications and to draw them to the attention of other members. If you are aware of any other articles we should include please let the editor know at the address on the back page. We will include lists periodically in the newsletter

Alvey, Norman. Estimating Population Growth in St Albans: 17th to 19th Centuries. *The Local Historian*, Vol. 30, No. 3, Aug. 2000, pp. 150-59

Includes a description of the methodology used for the relevant chapter in *St Albans 1650-1700*, SAHAAS (2003)

Beare, Sylvia and Howe, Pat. Francis Combe of Hemel Hempstead. New light on a man of learning. *Herts Past & Present* (3rd Series), No 6, Autumn 2005, pp 17-2

Research on his will (1641), especially his preaching charity in St Albans Abbey during the Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell.

Burr, Brenda. The Combe Family of Hemel Hempstead. *Herts Past & Present* (3rd Series), No. 5, Spring 2005, pp. 20-25.

The story of a 16th century family, their bequests and what can still be seen of their property.

Howe, Pat. Identifying Non-Conformity in Late-Seventeenth Century St Albans. *Local Population Studies*, 68, Spring 2002, pp.9-25

The number and characteristics of dissenters in St Albans from 1650-1700 have been compiled from a multi-source computer database. It is shown that dissent was much more common than in England as a whole and included most ranks and occupations.

Kilvington, Frank. A Gentleman's Life in Soho and St Albans 1660-1689. *Herts Past & Present* (3rd Series), No.1, Spring 2003, pp.19-24.

A fascinating glimpse of 17th century domestic life in town and country households, from the account books of Sir Harbottle Grimston and Sir Samuel Grimston.

Kilvington, Frank. The Kent Family. *Herts Past & Present* (3rd Series), No.3, Spring 2004, pp. 17-21.

The remarkable story of a well-known family who lived in and around St Albans for almost 400 years from c. 1616

Koloczi, Anne. The St Albans Foundling Hospital Babies. *Herts Past & Present* (3rd Series), No. 4, Autumn 2004, pp. 3-7

An account of the wet-nursing of children sent from Thomas Coram's London Foundling Hospital to St Albans and the philanthropically-motivated organisation that dealt with them

McSweeney, Gerard. The St Albans Bread Riot. *Herts Past & Present* (3rd Series), No.3, Spring 2004, pp. 22-3.

A description of one of the 18th Century food riots, the only one so far reported as occurring in St Albans.

McSweeney, Gerard. Admiral Killigrew, c. 1652-1712. *Herts Past & Present*, (3rd Series), No. 5, Spring 2005, pp.20-25

Described as 'the Unlucky Hero', this landowner and MP for St Albans had a distinguished naval career, thwarted by ill-luck and political enemies.

McSweeney, Gerard. Hall Place and the 1st Battle of St Albans. *Herts Past & Present*, (3rd Series), No. 6, Autumn 2005, pp. 12-15

An attempt to dispel some of the myths that have arisen regarding the movements of Henry VI during and after the battle.

Wares, Ann. *A History of Priory Park, St Albans, (Approach, Cornwall, Ramsbury & Riverside Roads)*. Published 2005, 35 Ramsbury Rd.

The building of a Victorian housing estate and its development in the 20th century.

ARCHITECTURE AND LOCAL HISTORY GROUP – CONTINUED

book thatched cottage.

In February Ann Dean drew a record audience with the lecture on **2000 Years of St Michael's Street**. In an hour's talk she covered the area's history from the Belgic settlement of Verlamion, a tribal capital, through Roman Verulamium to the establishment of St Michael's church in the 10th century and the thriving village of St Michael's. Coaches and great farm wagons passed through and the village was even threatened by a railway cutting through it in the 19th century. With the passing of coach travel, St Michael's became a quiet village for several decades and remains a picturesque corner of St

Albans, although plagued by modern-day traffic!

Deryck Hannaford's lecture described the **Restoration of the Abbey Carillon**. Deryck is a retired electrical engineer, his career spanning early army years and engineering work on Trident aircraft and railways. Last year the new dean initiated the carillon restoration and Deryck, already an Abbey bell-ringer, undertook the work.

The carillon seems to have originated in the 17th century. In 1765, Earl Spencer (the mayor) donated a nine-tune carillon to mark his earldom award. In 1850 Godman, a local clock-maker, organ builder and cycle

manufacturer, built a new carillon which is in existence today.

Apart from the war years the carillon was working up to the 1960s, and then fell into disuse, partly due to the mechanism having to be rewound by hand daily.

Deryck's account of the bell mechanism and his work on the carillon was most interesting. The carillon, now electrified, was completed in December 2005 and is due to be officially opened some time in May 2006.

Betty Ewens

THIS SEASON'S LECTURES

Friday 24th March 2006

**Restoration of Windsor Castle ...
After the Fire**
Mr Alan Frost

Tuesday 28th March 2006

**The A&LH Group AGM, followed by
Rule and Reality – Life in a Great
Medieval Abbey**
Rev. Peter Wadsworth
Vicar of St Saviour Church, Sandpit Lane

Tuesday 4th April 2006

St Albans Historic Landscape: Post 1250 AD
David Dean
St Albans City Guide and local historian

Tuesday 11th April 2006

**St Pancras Station, Midland Link-Thames
Link-Euro Link**
George Atkinson
Well known local architect

Friday 28th April 2006

**Inexhaustible Fancy and Solid Judgement:
The Life and Works of Nicholas Hawksmoor
(1661–1736)**
Mr William Palin

This talk will look at the life and work of Nicholas Hawksmoor, an architect of rare genius and originality. It will follow him from his early years in the office of Sir Christopher Wren to his time working for the '50 New Churches' Commission and architect of All Soul's College and the Clarendon building in Oxford.

William Palin is Assistant Curator at Sir John Soane's Museum in London. He is also an architectural historian and journalist and Secretary of the Soane Monument's Trust.

Tuesday 9th May 2006

Romans in the Bulbourne Valley
Alex Thompson
Local historian

Tuesday 16th May 2006

SAHAAS AGM
followed by
2000 Years of Coinage
At Verulamium Museum
Mr David Thorold

The talk will give a brief outline of the different coinage used in this country over the past 2000 years, from the Late Iron Age tribe of the Catuvellauni, through Roman coins, the Saxon period, the Norman kings and beyond.

David Thorold is Keeper of Archaeology at Verulamium Museum and carries out all the coin identities at the museum, and also provides coin identities to the Finds Liaison Officer for the Portable Antiquities scheme. He studied archaeology at Newcastle University in the early 90's and then dug around the Country, including Flag Fen in Peterborough as well as digs in the St Albans Region. In 1994 he became Assistant Keeper at St Albans, and became Keeper around 2000.

Friday 26th May 2006

Lost Gardens of Hertfordshire
Mrs Anne Rowe

Anne Rowe describes herself as a freelance landscape historian. She teaches courses on landscape and garden history and has co-ordinated the work of the Research Group of the Hertfordshire Gardens Trust for the last eight years.

She will be speaking about two of her favourite 'lost' Hertfordshire Gardens - Roxford near Hertingfordbury and Sacombe near Ware, both of which flourished in the 18th century. Although very different in style, they were both magnificent gardens but neither survived into the 19th century. She will describe the documentary and cartographic evidence which enables us to 'reconstruct' these gardens - if only in our imaginations - and show what survives on the ground today.

Tuesday meetings are held at St Albans School and start at 8.00 p.m.
Friday meetings are at the College of Law, Hatfield Road, and start at 7.45 p.m.
They are open to all members of the Society. Non-members may attend two meetings as guests.

CURRENT SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

After many valuable years looking after distribution of our publications, Norman Kent has passed that duty on to me. Please contact me if you would like copies from our list at special prices for members of SAHAAS.

In future when I attend Tuesday meetings I will have two copies of each publication with me; however, I do not attend every Tuesday so a telephone call in advance will be useful. If you do not attend Tuesdays please call me with your requests. If you live in St.Albans I will deliver; If you are out of town I can quote you the cost of delivering the copies you would like. I will be pleased to hear from you at 57 Camlet Way, St.Albans, Herts. AL3 4TL Tel. (01727) 839577

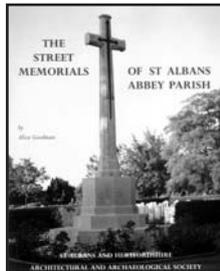
Paul Harding

The Street Memorials of St Albans Abbey Parish

by Alice Goodman, 1987

Describes St Albans during the 1914-18 War, and the unique street memorials erected to the fallen.

£4



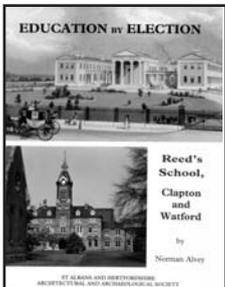
St Albans 1553

by David Dean, Pat Howe, Betty Masters & Kate Morris, 2003

Celebrates the granting of a Charter to St Albans by the boy king Edward VI in 1553, and explains its importance in providing the foundations for our local government, establishing the Mayoralty and authorising the town's markets.



£3



Education by Election, Reed's School, Clapton and Watford

by Norman Alvey, 1990

Orphans were selected for admission by votes from subscribers to a charity between 1813 and 1940.

£4



The Pemberton Almshouses

By Clare Ellis and Pat Howe, 2005

A commemorative booklet to celebrate the founding of the Pemberton Almshouses in St Peter's Street, resulting from the ongoing work of the Seventeenth Century Population Research Group.

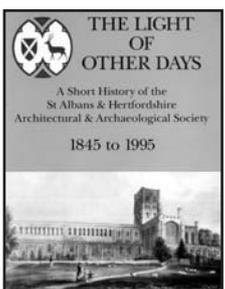
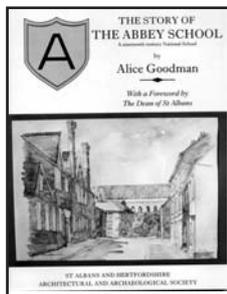
£3

The Story of the Abbey School

by Alice Goodman, 1991

History of the National School founded by the Abbey Parish in 1848.

£4



The Light of Other Days

1995, by Brian Moody

A short history of the Society's first 150 years.

Half-price offer, £1

ALSO AVAILABLE

St Albans 1650-1700, a thoroughfare town and its people

Ed. J T Smith & M A North, 2003

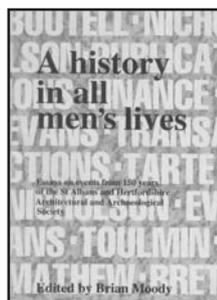
The result of twelve years of work by the Society's Research Group, with ten authors.

Copies may be obtained by Society members from Hertfordshire Publications, an imprint of the University of Hertfordshire Press, for £13 including post and packing. Apply to University of Hertfordshire Press, Learning & Information Services, College Lane, Hatfield AL10 9AD.

A History in All Men's Lives

Ed. Brian Moody, 1999

Papers on notable past members of the Society and events from the first 150 years. Authors F Kilvington, R Busby, J Brodrick, B Moody, D Aubrey and J T Smith.



Half-price offer, £2

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