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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I can hardly believe I have already served one-third of my term of office as President. It seems to have gone incredibly quickly, probably because it has been an action-packed year: hosting the HALH Symposium, moving the Library into the Town Hall with a new team of Librarians, and now with proposed changes to the Society's Constitution.

An enormous amount of work has gone into bringing our Constitution up to date, for which our warmest

thanks go to John Thomson and his team – Bryan Hanlon, Peter Jeffreys, and Gordon Brown. We are planning to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting in October, to discuss and ratify the proposed new constitution so that we can be sure that it really does meet the wishes of the majority of our members. I do hope many of you will come to the EGM to give us the benefit of your views. Full details of the EGM and the changes proposed to the constitution will be sent to you in due course.

The visit to the Order of St John of Jerusalem and guided tour of Clerkenwell was absolutely fascinating and all those who took part owe Gerard McSweeney and the excellent tour guides a great debt of gratitude.

Many thanks, too, to David and Ann Dean, and all those who helped man the Society's stall at the annual Festival of Life. There was considerable interest in our activities, which hopefully will lead to new members.

The refurbishment of our new library premises in the Old Town Hall is at last getting under way this week so we are no longer able to welcome visitors on Wednesday mornings. We have to vacate the room for several weeks and we do not yet know when work will be completed. We'll have an update in our next issue, but in the meantime you could check the position with our Library Contact, Gill Harvey, on 01727 853415.

On a sadder note, many members will be sorry to read Megan's tribute to Van Hryniewicz, who died recently. She was probably the first A&A member I met, when she taught our elder daughters science at the High School.

Finally, the District Council has recently appointed its first two Historic Environment Champions – none other than former President Kate Morris and myself! We attended an interesting briefing meeting in London and look forward to encouraging the City and District to value and preserve its heritage.

A new leaflet* by Kate Morris reveals the history of Snatchup Alley, an ancient thoroughfare whose name was lost in the twentieth century. Now renamed, the lane behind Devdas (formerly The Cricketers) and the Jolly Sailor will be better maintained and its history will provide interest for residents and passers-by.

Clare Ellis

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* available from Kate at 74 Church Green, St Peters Street, St Albans AL1 4HG; info@englishinfo.biz

WHODUNNIT?

Our collective knowledge of St Albans history is frequently challenged by queries from all over the world about past events, and now that anyone can question us via our website, this is likely to increase. Sometimes an apparently simple question requires quite a bit of research to find an answer, which must be a good thing.

For example, a few months ago the Archivist at Lincoln's Inn in London asked if we knew how a stone arch which had been removed from their Chapel in 1882 came to be in St Albans, in the garden of a house in Prospect Road. Might it have something to do with their member Lord Grimthorpe, who lived in St Albans?

Of course we knew that Grimthorpe was not given to collecting and preserving old stones, so we had to look elsewhere. Finally we found from the 1891 Census that the house in question was occupied by a son and daughter of William Longmire, the builder who worked on the Abbey for Grimthorpe from 1879. Longmire himself had been living there a few years before; in fact the house was named Ousby Cottage, after his place of birth in Cumbria. Longmire also had the contract to enlarge the Chapel at Lincoln's Inn in accordance with Grimthorpe's design, so he must have brought the redundant arch to St Albans (train to the Abbey station?), and set it up in his own back garden. It is still there, best seen from over the river Ver, which runs past the bottom of the garden.

While wondering why he did this, we also investigated a report that there used to be some sort of stone window frame in the same area until it fell down. We have now seen an old snap shot which confirms this, and we can identify it as the 13th century window which Grimthorpe had removed from the east end of the Abbey Presbytery in 1890, replacing it with a similar new one. It made a huge garden ornament, about 26 ft high and 2 ft wide at the base; apparently its downfall started in around 1960 when lightning struck an adjacent tree. The problem is that Longmire himself had died in 1887, so who re-erected it, and why? The case continues.

Brian Moody

AL&H VISIT TO ST JOHN'S GATE

Wednesday 21st June saw 36 members of the Society's Architecture and Local History Group making their way to the headquarters of the Venerable Order of St John, and subsequently the Clerks' Well, in Clerkenwell. Gerard McSweeney had laboured hard to plan and orchestrate the trip, and succeeded wonderfully, including managing the weather perfectly, despite threats of strikes and having to navigate the restrictive rules set by our new train operators.

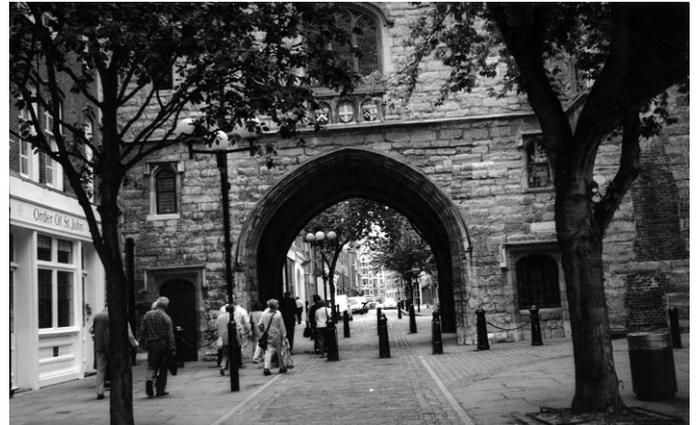
Our excellent guides welcomed us in the Chapter Hall of the Order, in the building adjacent to the great gateway on St John's Lane. The order was incorporated by Queen Victoria as an order of chivalry, to honour the work of a number of philanthropists who had set up, amongst other things, the ophthalmic hospitals in what is now Israel, and in Gaza, in the nineteenth century. They had

resurrected the English arm of the ancient religious Order of St John Hospitallers, so called for its hospitality role and its interest in healing, mostly with the use of herbs (hence St John's wort). The Sovereign Order, the original order, continues to exist, but not in England, as a religious institution, with its headquarters in Rome.

Established on the site in the 12th century, after the Dissolution, only the gatehouse and the Grand Priory Church remained. The gatehouse had been rebuilt, in brick faced with London ragstone, in 1504 by Grand Prior Docwra. His family came from Tyneside, but there was also a branch of the family in Hertfordshire and St Albans. The crypt of the church still reflects its 12th century origins, with evidence of both Norman and later styles of architecture. But what was by then largely an 18th century church

above was almost totally destroyed in the London blitz. It was rebuilt, incorporating the four surviving outer walls in the 1950s. Like those of the Templars, the church originally had a circular nave, the outline of which is commemorated by a feature in the pavement in front of the present church.

Following a break to lunch and wander round this now very trendy and interesting part of London, we joined two more excellent guides for a walking tour. This incorporated the original Clerks' well, now preserved inside an office building, the old Middlesex Sessions building (now a Masonic Hall), the massive and well maintained social housing complex



which is the Peabody Buildings, the Smithfield market and the Charterhouse. We also saw the Myddelton schools' building, now swish apartments, which honoured Hugh Myddelton of New River fame. Finally we heard about the nineteenth century abortive Fenian attempt to spring Irish prisoners from the local House of Detention, and the numerous breweries and distilleries which thrived in the area as a result of the abundance of good drinking water, both from wells (Clerks', Sadler's and others) and the head of the New River.

It was a very enjoyable and informative trip, and a welcome addition to the comprehensive programme the Local History Group always offers.

Kate Morris

FROM THE 17TH CENTURY POPULATION RESEARCH GROUP

1690 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

A poll book has survived which provides information from which the economic status and opinions of the male population can be analysed. Nearly 500 names appear in the poll book. Only freemen had the right to vote for the Borough's two members of parliament. To be free was also an essential requirement for the holding of most civic offices and to be allowed to trade in the Borough. There were three ways of becoming free. The first by patrimony, that is as the son of a freeman. Secondly, by apprenticeship and thirdly by purchase, paying a fee of £5, often paid in installments. An estimate of 3,000 to 3,500 for the population of the town has been made elsewhere. Using the formula of 4.2 persons per family, the number of male heads of household may have been around 833. It is estimated therefore that around 350 men were disenfranchised.

The election was held in February 1689/90 when there were three candidates for Parliament.

- Samuel Grimston Son of Sir Harbottle Grimston of Gorhambury - a Whig
- George Churchill Brother of John, first Duke of Marlborough, who had served as a Tory Member of Parliament for St Albans 1685-87
- Joshua Lomax A wealthy lawyer, owning large estates in Hertfordshire, Lancashire, Lincolnshire and Buckinghamshire. A renowned dissenter

Each elector was entitled to two votes. The votes were cast as follows.

Candidate's Name	No. of Votes	Percentage
George Churchill	333	36.12
Samuel Grimston	339	36.76
Joshua Lomax	250	27.12
Total	922	100.00

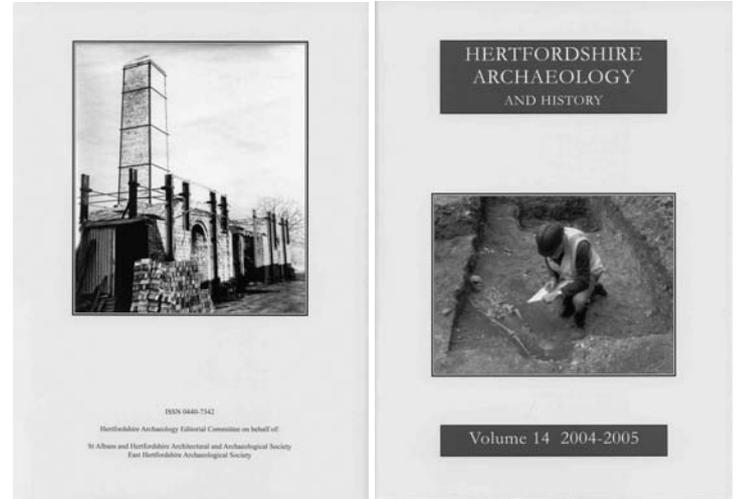
The discrepancy between the number of names times the number of votes is accounted for by some electors using only one vote.

Using the SAHAAS 17th Century database it has been possible to analyse the votes with respect to electors' occupations. However, it would appear that no candidate attracted more of any particular section of the electorate than the other. Though one might say that Joshua Lomax marginally appealed more to the yeoman farmers.

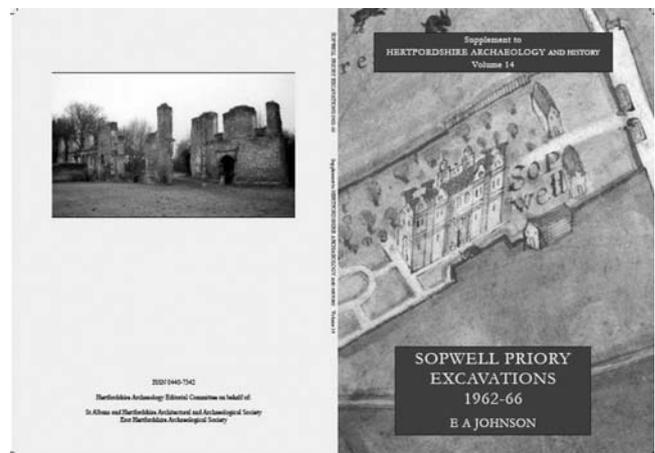
Pat Howe

HERTS ARCHAEOLOGY & HISTORY

We are pleased to announce that volume 14 is now published and available to members on request. This issue contains the usual fascinating mixture of material, from a lengthy report on the excavations of Ermine Street on the GlaxoSmithKline site at Ware to a reconstruction of the medieval house of Hall Place and its later alterations.



Also available is a supplement to this issue containing a full report of the excavations conducted by Dr E A Johnson at Sopwell Priory between 1962 and 1966, which have never previously been published. Copies of the supplement will be available to members, price £7.00, at Society functions.



VISIT TO WINDSOR CASTLE?

Following the lecture on the refurbishment of the castle after the fire, Gill Charles, who is now co-ordinating our excursions, is assessing interest in a 'supertour'. This would include an introduction on arrival, with coffee, followed by a two-hour 'behind-the-scenes' tour of the medieval undercroft, the great kitchen and the state apartments. Tickets include access to the remainder of the castle for the rest of the day.

The cost is £30 per person (plus coach) and tours operate from October to March on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We would hope to visit in the new year.

If you are interested please contact Gill on gillcharles_1@hotmail.com or 01727 840860. **Gill would also welcome your ideas for excursions which would interest you.**

UP THE CLOCK TOWER

This season has been quite eventful for the Clock Tower. In April (our second open weekend) the (new) fire alarm was triggered - possibly maliciously, since the Cathedral and other buildings had false alarms. There was no fire, but unfortunately there were no instructions on how to stop the alarm ringing, and it was two hours before it was turned off by Chris Green! Some instructions are now kept under the counter, and we are discussing more specific fire protection and means of escape with the fire brigade.

Ironically, four weeks later we could not open the Clock Tower on Saturday May 20th for safety reasons, due to industrial action in Herts. by the Fire Brigade Union. The Museum decided we should close, since there are no alternative means of escape! A longer strike proposed for mid-June, but then called off at the last minute, similarly prevented our opening on Saturday June 17th as we had told the duty 'clockateers' not to turn up!

As you might have noticed in May, the clock stopped. We think this was caused by a fluke - the rope of the 1729 Market Bell (which we allow children to ring from downstairs) had caught round the electrical plug of the clock's winding mechanism, pulling it out just enough to cut the connection! So without re-winding, the clock stopped. A specialist firm had to be called out, and now the clock is going again. I hope the rest of the season will be uneventful!

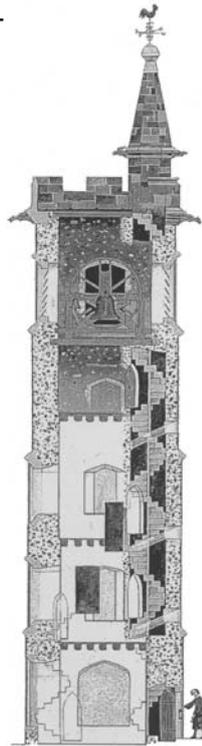
Having taken over responsibility for publications and post cards for sale in the Clock Tower, I have introduced a few new items including some more SAHAAS titles. Paul Harding supplied a new display stand, and there's a 'stock-list' of what we have to offer, with prices. There seems to be a dearth of interesting post cards at present, but I'm always on the lookout for suitable cards etc in the Tourist Office. (NB. We do have to pay for sales stock, so please do not write on postcards or stick them to displays.)

The weekend rota-sheets have been filling-in quite well, it seems that many of you have been in to the Clock Tower to sign-on for convenient times without being telephoned - which is very useful. So here are the remaining weekends when Arc&Arc is running the Clock Tower:

Saturday and Sunday 26th and 27th August, and Monday 28th August, Bank Holiday
Saturday and Sunday 2nd and 3rd September

Jill Bennett

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ENTHUSIASTIC REVIEW FOR ST ALBANS BOOK

Another long and detailed review of the 17th Century Group's book, **St Albans, 1650-1700**, has appeared, this time in the prestigious journal, *Renaissance Quarterly* (Spring 2006). In it, the reviewer remarks that "it brings to bear all the qualities that one would expect from a good local history, a fine grasp of the available sources, a strong sense of geographical place, a richness of detail and an encyclopedic knowledge of the town in question ... it speaks usefully to other historians and students of the period".

An in-depth discussion of many of the implications contained in the book concludes with "*A Thoroughfare Town and its People* (the sub-title), with its admirable attention to detail and meticulous use of sources, suggests an important final question. Just what was the role of the some 200 incorporated boroughs and cities that were scattered across early modern England in connecting and shaping a national society and culture?".

This lends weight to John Smith's hope, in setting the project in motion, that the book would stimulate a similar study in other towns of a similar size, to be set in a wider context than merely the "traditional" local history.

Gerard McSweeney

KINGSBURY UPDATE

I have received the following note from St Albans Council:

"Amended description for [planning application] 5/06/1168 - Kingsbury Dairy, Branch Road, Conversion of existing buildings (former dairy building to north of site) and erection of a new building to provide 16 residential units with associated car parking, landscaping and re-sited access.

"Grade II* Monastic barn, Grade II Branch Road Barn and Locally Listed Pump House to be repaired and retained as a storage use for vintage vehicles as part of the residential curtilage of Kingsbury Manor (including demolition of part of Grade II* Monastic Barn and part of Locally Listed Building)."

This is application 5/2006 1168. Application 5/2006 1169 relates to the demolition of a silo and steel structure and application 5/2006 1170 to demolition of the link between the barn and terrace along with associated structures.

If you are interested in the future of this ancient corner of St Albans, details of planning applications may be inspected at the Civic Centre, 2nd floor, Mondays to Thursdays 8.45 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Fridays 8.45 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and Saturdays 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Brian Bending

GEOFIZZ

You've seen *Time Team* do it. Did you know that the Archaeology Group has been doing this for several years now? It may look a bit like an electric zimmer frame but geophysical surveying or 'geofizz' has become an essential tool for the archaeologist and one that SAHAAS has been using to survey a large number of sites in Hertfordshire.

We use geofizz surveying to look for features in the ground that could be archaeology and to then accurately plan what to do next. Geofizz can help – along with all the other survey methods such as field walking, local knowledge, map study, historical records, and aerial photography – to locate and identify archaeology and to decide whether to investigate more deeply.

So how does it work and how can we use it? For archaeological surveying there are two principal techniques: *resistivity* and *magnetometry*. Each technique has its good and not-so-good features depending on what you are trying to survey. Resistivity is quite good at locating building features such as wall footings and ditches. Magnetometry is good at finding material and places that have gotten very hot, such as bricks or a hearth, and iron. Both techniques can indicate, sometimes surprisingly

accurately, where archaeological features might be.

We use resistivity surveys as our primary geofizz tool but we may look at magnetometry next year. The resistivity instrument that we use has been developed by members of the Archaeology Group over the past four years for SAHAAS and may be offered to others.

How does it work? Pretty simple concept: measure the local electrical resistance of the soil and look for high and low values. If there's a buried wall you would expect high readings because of the stone; if there's a filled-in ditch, you might expect the reading to be low if the ditch was filled with material that was wetter than the surrounding soil.

The picture shows one of the first surveys we did. In this case darker is higher resistivity. If each of the small squares is one meter square, what do you think this might be? Needless to say, we were quite excited and all the people who helped make these



measurements were really glad that the data they recorded, by hand, gave some good results.

We have much better instruments and techniques now and our latest surveying techniques are both more accurate and easier. We will be surveying a number of new sites, including some recommended by the County Archaeologist, so the next few years should be really exciting.

If you would like to join us in our geofizz surveying or help investigate some of the archaeology we have found, contact Roger Miles or Bill Martin in the Archaeology Group. We might even convince you that a little physics is a good thing.

Bill Martin

For those curious enough to attempt Bill's challenge, we can confirm that the survey shows a typical Roman villa of large farm size. Bill adds: "we discovered this all on our own; it was not previously known and only a scatter of Roman pottery in the field as a clue. It may be the largest in Hertfordshire. We have done test excavations and found the footings. There are other buildings in the field too." To secure the site we're not mentioning its location but hope to write more about it in due course.

MYFANWY HRYNIEWICZ

Many of our members will be saddened to hear of the death of Van, as she was usually known, since the combination of her Welsh first name and her husband's Polish surname defeated many people's pronunciation skills.

Van joined the Archaeological Society in 1983 and was newsletter editor from 1987 to 1995. She prided herself on the juggling necessary to produce balanced newsletters before the age of computers. Later she was an enthusiastic member of the 17th Century Population Research Group and entered 8000 records on their computer. She was relieved to be able to complete the task before her illness.

Most members will also remember her special recipe for mulled wine and she was able to step into the breach last year at the New Year Party. Her Christmas cake was also much appreciated at our new year parties, not least by Bernard, the Museum attendant! In fact, she made a special cake for him at his retirement party.

Van had many talents and will be greatly missed by the organisations in which she was involved.

Megan Atton

THIS SEASON'S LECTURES

Tuesday 5th September 2006

New (Herts) parks with historical links

John Ely
Shenley Park Trust

Tuesday 12th September 2006

An illustrated walk round Wheathampstead

Elizabeth Eastwood
City Guide

Tuesday 19th September 2006

Hedges In St Albans and the craft of hedge-laying

Donato Cinicolo

Friday 29th September 2006

Industrial archaeology in World War 2

Barrie Trinder

An industrial archaeologist and social historian who lectured at the University of Northampton for five years before retirement, he has written extensively on the industrial revolution and on English market towns and edited the Blackwell Encyclopedia of Industrial Archaeology, the first international review of the subject. He is author of Twentieth Century Industrial Archaeology, with his late colleague Michael Stratton. His lecture deals with the vast changes in industry that took place during the war, including shadow factories, the huge Royal Ordnance Factories, the railways, and with what has since happened to some of the principal sites.

Tuesday 3rd October 2006

Berkhamsted through the ages

Jennie Sherwood
Chairman, Berkhamsted Local History & Museum Society

Tuesday 10th October 2006

Redbournbury Watermill – past, present and future

Justin James

Tuesday 17th October 2006

Propping up Pisa

SAHAAS Members only, owing to space limitations

Prof. Burland DSc CBE
Imperial College, London

Friday 27th October 2006

Archaeological excavations on the old Robert Sayle site, Cambridge

Alison Dickens

Archaeologists have just completed a year of investigation at the site of the new Grand Arcade development in Cambridge. Results throw new light on the origins of this part of the town, and reveal a wealth of artefacts. Amongst the highlights was an

opportunity to explore a section of the medieval town boundary, the King's Ditch. Alison Dickens is a senior archaeological manager with Cambridge University's Archaeological Unit. A graduate of Sheffield University, she has been exploring the archaeology of Cambridge for more than 15 years.

Tuesday 31st October 2006

The Tabard: restoration of a 14th century building

Duane Parkin

Tuesday 7th November 2006

Bribery and corruption (St Albans included): The unreformed electoral system

R.A.M Harvey
SAHAAS

Tuesday 14th November 2006

Paul of Caen

Jean Peyton
Cathedral Guide

Friday 24th November 2006

Treasures of the Archives

Jill Barber

Archives are the raw materials of history. Discover some of the extraordinary stories revealed in documents at Hertfordshire's specialist heritage centre. What impact did the Reformation have on Harpenden when Henry VIII challenged the Pope's authority in 1537? Why was the heart of Arthur Capel, of Hadham Hall, put in a silver box during the Civil War? How did the Captain of the ship which took Napoleon to exile on Elba in 1814 feel about his experience? This illustrated talk will look particularly at the significance of local history for illuminating national history. Jill Barber is the County Local Studies Librarian at Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies, based at County Hall, Hertford. A trained history teacher, with a PhD in archives, she was previously Archive Education Officer for Westminster, and has worked at Barnet Archives and Local Studies. She is a member of the Society of Archivists' Archives for Education and Learning Group, and an external tutor for the University of Aberystwyth.

Tuesday 28th November 2006

The More: Cardinal Wolsey's Palace at Rickmansworth

Heather Falvey
Secretary, Hertfordshire Record Society

Tuesday 6th December 2006

The 17th century family research group

Irene Cowan
SAHAAS

Friday 12th January 2007

Society New Year Party

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.

Tuesday 16th January 2007**Tales and legends of mid-Hertfordshire**

Nicholas Maddex
Chairman, Codicote Local History Society

Friday 26th January 2007**Trade and transport on English waterways**

Kate Morris
 SAHAAS

Tuesday 30th January 2007**St Albans and the Peasants' Revolt**

Rev Peter Wadsworth
St Saviour's Church, St Albans

Tuesday 6th February 2007**Music In St Albans Abbey, 1958-78: A personal view**

Peter Hurford OBE

Tuesday 13th February 2007**From melons to rugger balls: the history of Holywell House grounds**

Brian & Kathleen Moody
 SAHAAS

Friday 23rd February 2007**The Story of Spitalfields**

Gareth Harris

Tuesday 27th February 2007**Archaeology: a digger's eye view**

Janet Miles
 SAHAAS

Tuesday 6th March 2007**From Dickens to the District Line: passengers' experience of bus and tube in Victorian and Edwardian London**

Sam Mullins
*Director, London's Transport Museum, and one-time
 Director, St. Albans Museums*

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Tuesday 20th March 2007**Local monumental brasses****A&LH AGM**

M Wilson
 SAHAAS

Friday 30th March 2007**Chiltern Open Air Museum – A Vision for the Future**

Sue Shave

Tuesday 3rd April 2007**The painted ceilings of St Albans Abbey**

Michael Rose
Abbey Guide

Tuesday 17th April 2007**Revising the Cathedral inventory**

Norman Oldknow, Gene Peyton-Jones and Nancy Page
 SAHAAS

Friday 27th April 2007**Pumps, pigs and people ... the realities of opening archaeology to the public**

Georgia Butters

Tuesday 8th May 2007**Let's keep it in the family: the Rowatts and the Bacons**

Ann Dean
 SAHAAS

Tuesday 15th May 2007**SAHAAS AGM****at Verulamium Museum****Useful and beautiful: understanding trade tools from 1500 to the present**

Chris Green

Friday 25th May 2007**The Great Fire of London**

Peter Street

CLERICAL/EDITORIAL ASSISTANCE WANTED

Disabled local historian requires assistance in preparing papers for publication. Interesting and varied work, hours by arrangement

If you can assist please ring

Paul Barton

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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following who have joined since our last issue:

Mr John Bearne	Shrublands Road, Berkhamsted
Mrs Jennifer Blaxland	Firwood Avenue, St Albans
Dr P Burley	Seymour Road, St Albans
Ms Ann Daly	West Common, Harpenden
Mr & Mrs R Douglas	Old Sopwell Gardens, St Albans
Mrs Muriel Hardman	Kestrel Walk, Letchworth GC
Mr & Mrs M Holliday	Branch Road, St Albans
Mr AJ Roberts	Woodstock Road North, St Albans

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

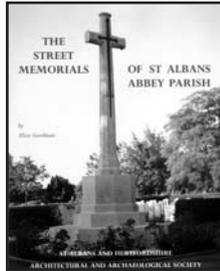
Paul Harding

The Street Memorials of St Albans Abbey Parish

by Alice Goodman, 1987

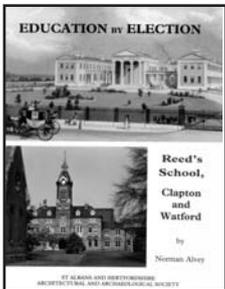
Describes St Albans during the 1914-18 War, and the unique street memorials erected to the fallen.

£ 4



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.



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

£ 3

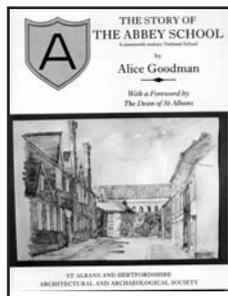


A commemorative booklet to celebrate the founding of the Pemberton Almshouses in St Peter's Street, resulting from the ongoing work of the Seventeenth Century Population Research Group.

The Story of the Abbey School

by Alice Goodman, 1991

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



£ 3

ALSO AVAILABLE

St Albans 1650-1700, a thoroughfare town and

its people

Ed. J T Smith & M A North, 2003

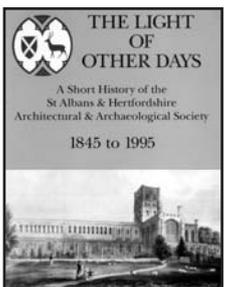
The result of twelve years of work by the Society's Research Group, with ten authors.

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.

The Light of Other Days

1995, by Brian Moody

£ 4

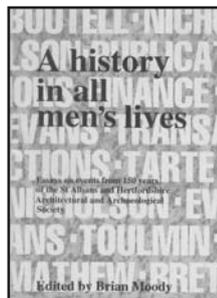


A short history of the Society's first 150 years.

A History in All Men's Lives

Ed. Brian Moody, 1999

Half-price offer, £1



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.

St Albans 1553

by David Dean, Pat Howe, Betty

Half-price offer, £2