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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Much has changed since our last Newsletter in August. First, of course, I want to express my own thanks, and, I am sure, those of all our members, to John Thomson and his team (Bryan Hanlon, Peter Jeffreys and Gordon Brown) for their detailed examination of the Society's constitution, which resulted in the revisions being unanimously agreed at the Extraordinary General Meeting in October. The meeting was well attended, the reasons for the changes were

convincingly explained and the refreshments, which Bryan Hanlon and Doreen Bratby provided for the social evening afterwards, were most welcome. As a result, the Society's year will in future run from 1st June to 31st May. We have also agreed to raise the annual subscription for ordinary members to £12 – which must still be incredible value for money but will allow a little more leeway to finance new equipment for meetings, the new library and other developments.

Sadly the HALH Symposium was not adequately publicised in our Newsletter this year and only those who are individual members of HALH received notice of this event in November. Following the resignation of both David Dean and myself from the HALH Committee, we would urge another member to stand for election at the HALH AGM next May. The Committee meets about six times a year at the County record office in Hertford. If you might be interested, please do phone me to discuss what is involved. Individual membership of HALH is also good value and its journal, *Herts Past and Present*, regularly features articles by our members.

I personally am also very grateful to Gill Charles for offering to reinstate the excursions which used to be such an enjoyable feature of our activities and were also popular during the Society's earliest days (see Brian Moody's book *The Light of Other Days*). Even more exciting is the trip she has organised to Windsor Castle where we will enjoy a tour of the areas restored after the fire (see page 8), including parts other visitors are not normally allowed to see.

Edward Johnson's account of the Sopwell Priory excavations in 1962-6 has at last been published as a supplement to *Hertfordshire Archaeology and History* Volume 14 and copies can be obtained from Verulamium Museum price £7 to members.

During the summer I had my first experience of practical archaeology, digging with Roger Miles at Amwell and trying to understand Bill Martin's article on resistivity in the August newsletter! We were looking for the foundations of a building Bill had located. I came away having found nothing, but visiting again a few weeks later I discovered that I had been quite close to unearthing pieces of flint wall. I can recommend it to anyone who enjoys hard labour in the middle of a field with no apparent results! My husband says there is plenty of digging to be done in our own garden – but that is nothing like as much fun ...

Clare Ellis

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**Don't miss our
New Year
Party**

**12th January 2007
Details on the
last page**

LIBRARY UPDATE

Our library stock is now in store until the refurbishment of the relevant part of the Old Town Hall is complete.

It should not be far into the New Year before we can start to get back into our room, which most of you will know is behind the old Court Room. It was previously the Judges' Robing Room and a door now leads back to the corridor along the Court Room, connecting with the main foyer. Access to the library will be either by that route, or from the rear door of the building as at present. The Tourist and Information Centre will be on the Market Place side of the building and the rear of their office will also give onto the rear access. So we will be close to the TIC.

The room has already been gutted, the original fireplace revealed, the beautiful wooden window shutters repaired and put in working order, and the radiator moved more suitably under the window. The new wooden shelves and cupboards will be installed by a specialist library furniture maker and it all promises to look very good once finished.

Once the TIC has moved to its new part of the building, there will be further works to the front, where a new restaurant will be installed. Very soon there will also be suitable traffic orders to control parking in the new coach stop in the layby on the main street in front of the building, thus giving access for visitors from out of town to tourist information, a cup of tea and even a sight of our library!

Kate Morris

A NEW BOOK ABOUT ST ALBANS

VICTORIANA, A ST ALBANS STREETSCAPE

by Tony Billings

A4, 82pp illustrated. Some colour. £9.95.

This is a detailed, pictorial and chronological account of our streets and *Victoriana* sets the scene for a look at built heritage from 1794 to 1905.

It is not a history but rather explores many aspects of Victorian life from signing the pledge to straw plaiting, from bricks and mortar to stench pipes; this it does with over 70 illustrations of surviving Victoriana in our city.

The Council's published aim is to cherish and promote our heritage, arts and culture but the author questions whether these ideals are really recognised, practised or taken seriously where our Victorian built heritage is concerned. This book attempts to record 110 years in the life of our city before it is lost or altogether forgotten by pointing out what we have left TODAY, and where to find it. If you live in a Victorian area or are fortunate enough to live in a Victorian house then this book is right up your street.

Available from Paton Books or buy direct from Tony Billings at 37 Camp Road, St Albans AL1 5DX. Free delivery to AL1 and AL3 areas. By post elsewhere in the UK please add £1 postage and packing.

EGM REPORT

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Society was held on 18th October and was attended by 45 members. Those present unanimously approved and adopted the revised Constitution, which thereby became effective immediately. A copy of the new Constitution is enclosed with this newsletter and has been posted on our website.

The members at the EGM also unanimously approved the following rates of subscription to take effect from the beginning of the next financial year:

Individual member	£12
Spouse or partner of a member, living at the member's address	£6
Children of a member under the age of 18, living at the member's address	£6
Students who provide evidence that they are in full time further or higher education	£6
Family membership	£21

In the new Constitution the financial year of the Society has been changed to end on 31 May, in order to be in line with the lecture programmes. This means that the current financial year will end on 31st May 2007 and the above level of subscriptions will come into effect and be payable on 1st June 2007. Many of you pay your subscriptions by standing order and these arrangements will now have to be changed. The Council intends to introduce a direct debit as its preferred system for payment of subscriptions to ease the administrative burdens on members for any future changes. We will be writing to you with details once they have been finalised.

John Thomson

Treasurer

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome those who have joined since our last issue:

Mrs Jackie Andrews	Midway, St Albans
Mrs Daphne Fisher	Redbourn
Mr & Mrs Gregory	Tennyson Road, St Albans
Mr Douglas Keen	London Colney
Ms EM Kennedy	Bowes Lyon Mews, St Albans
Jack Pia	Spencer Road, St Albans
Mrs S McBride,	Verulam Road, St Albans
Timothy Massey	Bricket Wood
Margaret Pratt	Queen's Road, Harpenden
Mrs G Tarrant	Radlett
David Wilson	Marshal's Drive, St Albans
Mrs Gillian Blanch	Seymour Road, St Albans
Kathleen Boughton	Evans Grove, St Albans
Dr Sylvia Kingsbury	Colney Heath
Graham Batt	Meadow Close, St Albans
Helen Bishop	Taylor Close, St Albans
Frank Iddiols	Westfields, St Albans

ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP REPORT

Some Answers, More Questions

There is a tradition in archaeology, as in most fields of research, that however many questions your work answers it will result in yet more. This is certainly the case for our current centre of interest at Amwell, although, in fairness, we have so far only been doing exploratory investigations, to give broad indications of the nature and extent of the site. Fuller and detailed conclusions will only come from extended excavation.

First, a recap. In 2003/4, following fieldwalking and geophysical survey, we dug trial trenches on the site of a Roman building, almost certainly a farmstead villa (which we can refer to as Amwell I). Pottery dating indicated occupation over several hundred years. Observation of material in the ploughsoil further indicated another site less than a hundred metres away. Another ground resistivity survey in 2005 confirmed suspicions, showing the groundplan of a building (Amwell II) even larger than the one already established. Bill Martin's piece in the last newsletter showed the sort of results obtained.

In early August this year we repeated trial trenching on the second site, again with the limited objectives of confirming the geophysics predictions and determining the nature and preservation of archaeological features and deposits.

Not to beat about the bush, we were right. Substantial flint footings were found in all but one of our six trenches. Ros Niblett visited when the bulk of our work was done and was, I think, suitably impressed by the 'strike rate' of trenching. The 'appliance of science' does pay off!

What was noticeably different about Site II was the almost total absence of finds indicative of occupation, particularly pottery. And fired clay building materials were limited to small fragments and chips of brick and tile, in contrast with many large pieces on Site I. Millstone fragments were plentiful on Site I, absent on II.

So what can we make of our findings so far? Amwell I is a building of respectable size which existed from an early, i.e. 1st century, date through to

the fourth century. It was of substantial timber construction, on flint foundations, with a tiled roof. We have not been able to discern anything of the internal divisions, but do know that one room at least had a well-made floor and that there were at least two phases of construction in its lifetime.

Amwell II, which we worked on this year, is larger than I, with similar, substantial foundations, but negligible evidence of (domestic) occupation and only small, scrappy fragments of brick and tile. This lack of finds in comparison with Amwell I might suggest that the building was demolished and any suitable materials taken away for re-use (in the other building, perhaps?). However, until we can prove otherwise, we must not rule out clearance of the site of Building II at a time long after the Roman period – the ruins of Verulamium were a cornucopia of materials for the medieval construction of the St. Albans monastery and its cathedral.

It is possible that Amwell II was never completed and occupied for some reason or that it was not even a dwelling. If this last is the case it is difficult to know what its function was, given its size.

We do have a nearby parallel for the bareness of Amwell II in the villa exposed at Turnershall Farm over the last few seasons. Those who visited the site will know that the chalk foundations very clearly showed the groundplan of the building, but there was very little evidence of its actual occupation. It will be very interesting to see whether, in the course of time, it will be possible to discover the reasons for the two anomalies and whether they are the same.

I could not finish without mention of our President, who, wishing to have some real 'hands-on' experience of excavation, joined us for a day. Stony, Hertfordshire clay sub-soil, after the conditions of July 2006 is not an introduction to archaeology which I would wish on any beginner, so I can tell members that Clare proved that she is made of sterling stuff. I hope, before too long in the future, to be able to invite her again, in easier and more fruitful conditions, to make some recompense.

Apologies to anyone who would have liked to participate in the dig. It was not certain to take place until shortly before it did and our Newsletter is not suitable for 'stop press' news.

Roger Miles

Archaeology Group

Would you like to increase your archaeological knowledge?

I have in the past given a short series of talks on 'How Archaeology is Done', aimed at giving a moderately detailed description of the whole process of practical archaeological investigation from start to finish. It is intended for those just interested to learn a bit 'beyond Time Team' or who are thinking of entering on a formal course of study or taking part in practical activities such as ours (SAHAAS Archaeological Group).

If there were sufficient interest I would run the course again. It takes the form of a half dozen talks, of 1½–2 hrs (with a break), illustrated with slides. I envisage it being in the evening, during the winter/spring, in St. Albans or close by, the venue determined by numbers. If these were small the ideal would be to find someone prepared to donate a space of some sort, but larger numbers would almost certainly entail hiring a room, with a cost to be shared. Whatever the venue, there would be a modest charge for the course, as much as anything to address the fact that that which is free tends not to be valued and fluctuating attendance undermines the motivation to provide what is effectively a service.

If you are interested please contact me with requests or suggestions (including ideas for a venue). Once I have a feel for numbers I can progress the idea.

Roger Miles

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ARCHITECTURE AND LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The ALH Group's lecture season was opened on 5th September by John Ely's lecture on *New Parks with Historic Links*. Shenley Park (once known as Porters Park) was first mentioned in the 13th century. One owner was Nicholas Hawksmoor, who is buried in St Botolph's Churchyard. Another noble owner was Admiral Howe, who constructed Radlett Lane linking Shenley to Watling Street. The last owner sold the estate to Middlesex County Council in 1924, and the mental hospital was built on the site. The hospital was virtually self-sufficient, producing high-quality flowers, fruit and vegetables. After the hospital's closure in the 1980s, housing development followed, but the park and gardens were beautifully restored and are well worth a visit. The speaker's talk was very informative and well illustrated.

On 12th September our speaker was Elizabeth Eastwood who talked about *Wheathampstead*. Her lecture began with Iron Age archaeological discoveries, including the rare Byzantine vessel known as the 'Wheathampstead teapot', of copper alloy and dug out of a grave site in 1880. The Norman church, St Helen's, is named after a Saxon saint and contains references to the Mackery family, a Brocket chapel and the tomb of the parents of Abbot John of Wheathampstead. This beautiful village has a long and remarkable history, so well covered by the speaker and her illustration collection.

On 19th September Donato Cinicolo talked to us on the *Hedges of St Albans District and the Craft of Hedge-laying*. He is three times county hedging champion and a professional photographer and filmmaker. He described the techniques of hedge-laying, the trees required and the tools, which have hardly changed over the centuries. He spoke of the ecosystems supported by hedges and their importance to small birds and mammals and the control of farm stock. Hedges are making a comeback and, as a result of this interesting talk, we shall doubtless regard the county's hedges

with more appreciation in future.

On 3rd October, the lecturer was Jennie Sherwood; her talk was on *Berkhamsted Through the Ages*. The town is situated by the river Bulbourne and once boasted two water mills. The Norman castle, with remnants of two moats, passed through many hands, including those of the Black Prince, who honeymooned there with his bride the Fair Maid of Kent. One of the castles administered by Geoffrey Chaucer, its last incumbent was Cicely, Duchess of York, and it still belongs to the Duchy of Cornwall. The poet William Cowper, son of the then Rector, was born in Berkhamsted. The canal and, in turn, the railway increased Berkhamsted's growth in the 19th century, with thriving businesses including Coopers Agricultural Products and, until the 1920s, boat-building. The famous Berkhamsted school was established in 1541. This lecturer gave a detailed overview of the town's long and varied history, well illustrated. Even with the loss of many historic buildings the town still retains its charm and character.

On 10th October Justin James, ably supported by Peter Smith, talked on *Redbournbury Watermill*. Justin's father purchased the mill from the Crown Estates in 1985 and commenced restoration in 1987. He described the daunting problems following the 1987 fire, which destroyed the interior of the mill and the initial restoration work. After some financial support from English Heritage, and the search for equipment from other local mills, the Watermill and Museum are now attractive assets to the locality. With the aid of engine power it produces

flour and grain products in the traditional way. The long history of the mill was traced and the plight of the river Ver outlined: the river may disappear entirely in another 20 years. Owing to the enterprise of the James family, the watermill continues its success story, the latest initiative being a partnership with a local farmer to produce organic flour. An entertaining lecture, well illustrated.

And on 17th October we welcomed Professor John Burland, whose lecture was entitled *Propping up Pisa*. The foundations of the world-renowned Leaning Tower were laid in 1173; initially the tower was built up to the fourth story and left to settle for a hundred years. In the 1270s more storeys were added. However, within ten years the tower was already leaning; in 1360 the bell chamber was added to complete this leaning structure. Prof Burland described the soft nature of the site and the various attempts to support the tower's structure during the 19th and 20th centuries. By the 1990s the tower was in imminent danger of collapse and was closed; Prof Burland, one of the world's leading specialists in geotechnical engineering and soil mechanics, was then consulted. He and his team started preliminary soil extraction in 1998 and inserted a firm and extended foundation; further support was added by lead weights. The work is not visible and has reduced the inclination by 10%. Prof Burland's lecture was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience and we have indeed been fortunate to add him to our lecture programme this year.

Betty Ewens

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL REMINDER

Your 2006-7 subscription was due on 1st October. If you have not renewed this will be the last newsletter you receive. We do hope that this is an oversight and that you wish to remain a member.

To renew, please send your cheque for £8 for a single member or £12 for two people at the same address, payable to SAHAAS, to our Membership Secretary Peter Jeffreys at 29 Bury Green, Wheathampstead, AL4 8DB

SNATCHUP ALLEY

A local history event with a difference took place at the top end of town in St Albans towards the end of October.

The Mayor, Cllr Alison Steer, unveiled two new street nameplates, one at each end of Snatchup Alley. In acknowledgement of its historic significance, the District Council had agreed to rename this lane, where 25 or so families had lived until the end of the nineteenth century, when the Water Company took over most of the site.

Present at the event was Andrew Carter, whose great great grandfather, a brewer's man, had lived in one of the cottages. His son, Andrew's g g g'father, by then living in Islington, was recorded in one of the censuses as a well sinker – a convenient profession for one growing up so close to the 80 metre deep boreholes sunk into the chalk aquifer below Snatchup.

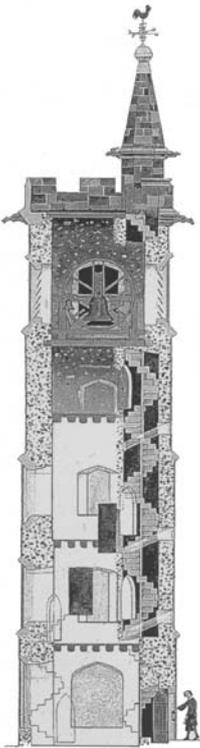
I am grateful to all those who attended the event and those who have helped and shown an interest throughout my research into this fascinating area. The lane will now, I hope, be better cared for and understood, and be a pleasant place to walk through.

Kate Morris



Kate Morris, the Mayor and Andrew Carter with one of the new signs

CLOCK TOWER REPORT



The Clock Tower has had a fairly eventful season: the fire alarm went off twice, the clock stopped twice and we had to close on two occasions because of threatened industrial action by Herts Fire Brigade.

I have not yet not been able yet to work out the visitor numbers for the season; these will be recorded later.

My thanks to everyone who contributed. We were fortunate in gaining some new helpers – three couples and eight singles – to whom I am extremely grateful. I hope they enjoyed the role; they will be contacted next year and, of course, invited to the Clockwatchers' Party in March.

However, we have lost some Weekend Organisers, which left just six of us to cover 13 weekends (I leave you to do the maths!). When I was unable to fill all the weekends, our President (Clare Ellis) nobly stepped in, offering to tackle the August Bank Holiday weekend. This involves three open days for which it is often difficult to find enough helpers, not surprisingly. Afterwards she even said she enjoyed it and to put her down for next year. What an example – need I say more . . .

Jill Bennett

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AN APOLOGY

The article on the 1690 Elections which appeared in our last newsletter, was written for us by Marian Wright. Unfortunately we failed to give her a proper acknowledgement for this interesting contribution, an oversight for which we now apologise.

THIS SEASON'S LECTURES

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 5th December 2006

The 17th century family research group

Irene Cowan

SAHAAS

Friday 12th January 2007

Society New Year Party

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

Inland waterways and coastal navigations for transporting people and goods such as textiles and also market produce, as well as heavier loads like lead, coal, lime and bricks have played a key role in economic development in England. The role has changed over time and always been complemented by the use of roads and packhorse trails. Her research has traced this role, from its influence in the establishment of settlements to the continuing use in present day of water transport for heavy goods on some of the country's major rivers.

Kate Morris is a longstanding member of the Society and a former President. A librarian with a longterm interest in history, she continued her studies in 2001-2 by taking a Master's Degree in Historical Research at York University. Her thesis was a community study of the development of a canal village in East Yorkshire, which gave focus to her interest in the importance of transport by water throughout England. Kate also has an interest in local history in St Albans and coordinates research into properties in St Peter's parish in the Borough.

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

Spitalfields sits in the right-angle formed by two Roman roads, Bishopsgate and Aldgate. Used by the Romans as a place of burial, it has been a place of settlement ever since. An important priory hospital gives the area its name in the Middle Ages and welcomes the weary traveller, a tradition that continues to this day. Famous for its fine Church and Market, Spitalfields boasts the densest core of early 18th century houses in London. Add to this the largest concentration of artists in Europe and it is not hard to see why it is London's most fashionable quarter.

Gareth Harris, a Goldsmith who has lived in East London for 30 years, is administrator of the Spitalfields historic buildings trust, and a London Blue Badge guide. As an amateur historian he has contributed to kaleidoscope and mapping the town for the BBC and published guides to Spitalfields for Tower Hamlets Council and the Corporation of London.

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

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

Chiltern Open Air Museum is a museum of historic buildings rescued from locations around the Chilterns area and re-erected on the beautiful parkland site at Newland Park. Buildings include a reconstructed Iron Age House, traditional barns and farm buildings, cottages, Chapel and a 1947 Prefab. The Museum cultivates and develops a traditional Chilterns landscape to provide a context for the buildings and also keeps traditional breeds of farm livestock. The talk will particularly concentrate on the current and recent ground breaking building conservation work taking place at the Museum including a medieval thatching project and the building of a witchery (local clay) building from Haddenham, as well as outlining the award winning education & lifelong learning programmes and the packed programme of special events at the Museum.

Sue Shave has a professional museum background. Her career began around 16 years ago at York Archaeological Trust's Archaeological Resource Centre as Assistant Manager and has included museum education posts at the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum and Think-tank the Birmingham Science Museum. She went into museum management as Director of Coldharbour Mill, a textile museum in Devon in 2003 and then moved to the Chilterns to take up the post of Director at Chiltern Open Air Museum in September 2004.

Tuesday 3rd April 2007

The painted ceilings of St Albans Abbey

Michael Rose
Abbey Guide

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 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

ST ALBANS 1650-1700

Another review of *St Albans 1650-1700* has appeared, this time in the academic journal *Family & Community History*. The reviewer details the various chapters, describing the choice of the half-century, 'crucial to the development of the administration and political thought of the country', as resulting in a 'very complete and satisfying account of the town'.

Contributors to the work will be interested in these comments: 'The remarkable thing is that the research and writing of this project ... was done by a group composed almost entirely of amateurs', although full credit is given to the editors, John Smith and Mike North, and the fact that the former was involved in the original writing of many of the chapters, in completing 'a scholarly and truly professional publication'.

The reviewer continues: 'This is work in the best traditions of the amateur, inspired by local loyalty and achieved by devoting hours to meticulous labour'. After further comments, he remarks that, apart from the ten who contributed to the writing, 'there should be a lasting benefit to the local community in the interest generated over twelve years among the six-dozen members of the group'.

The article finishes with 'this is an excellent contribution to urban and local history and also contains plenty of details that will excite the interest of a reader with the least familiarity with the town'.

G P McSweeney

CURRENT SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

Please contact me if you would like copies from our list at special prices for members of SAHAAS. When I attend Tuesday meetings I have two copies of each publication with me; however, I do not attend every Tuesday so a telephone call in advance will be useful. Otherwise 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 copies. I

Paul Harding

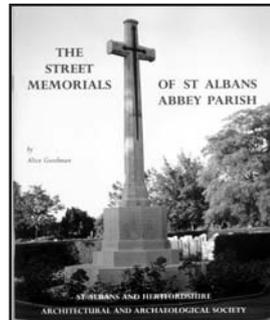
57 Camlet Way, St.Albans, Herts. AL3 4TL Tel. (01727) 839577

The Street Memorials of St Albans Abbey Parish

Alice Goodman, 1987

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

£4

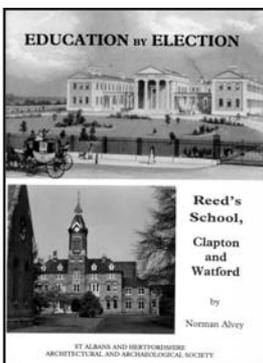
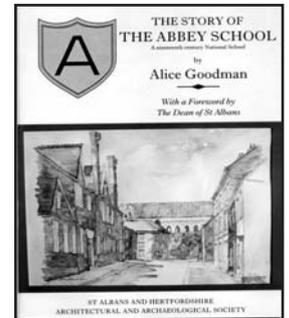


The Story of the Abbey School

Alice Goodman, 1991

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

£4

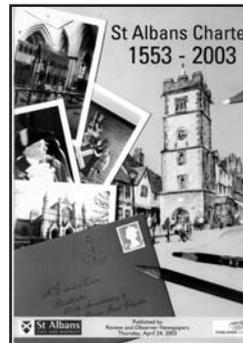


Education by Election, Reed's School, Clapton and Watford

Norman Alvey, 1990

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

£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.

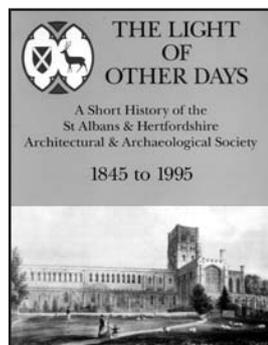
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The Light of Other Days

Brian Moody, 1995

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

Half-price offer, £1



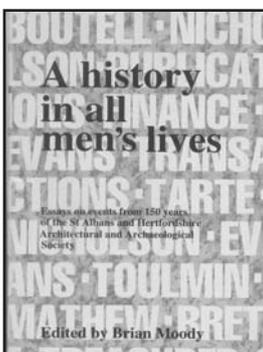
The Pemberton Almshouses

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



A History in All Men's Lives

Ed. Brian Moody, 1999

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A VISIT TO WINDSOR CASTLE

A SUPER TOUR OF THE GREAT KITCHENS, UNDERCROFT AND STATE APARTMENTS

THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2007

Cost £40 including coach from St Albans (no concessions)

Our guided tour begins in the Winchester Tower with refreshments and an introduction to royal dining past and present. We then proceed to the medieval Undercroft and Great Kitchen, areas which are not normally open to the public. We conclude in the magnificent State Apartments with an audio tour. Tickets include access to the remainder of the castle for the rest of the day.

For the Great Kitchen/Undercroft tour we shall split into two groups at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. (the guide takes a maximum of 25 visitors on each tour) with the other group visiting the State Apartments. Each part of the visit takes about 1½ hours

There is no provision for eating inside the castle walls. Picnics may be taken on the ramparts (where there are seats) but it could prove to be a bit cold! Or you can walk down into Windsor (5-10 minutes) where there are many food outlets in the station area.

The coach will depart at 8.15 a.m. PROMPT from Westminster Lodge car park and will return around 6.30 p.m.

Book no later than 15th December

Partners and friends welcome. To reserve a place please complete the details below and send with a stamped addressed envelope to **Gill Charles, 9 Tilsworth Walk, St Albans AL4 9JT**

Cheques should be made payable to SAHAAS

An acknowledgement of your booking will be made; please bring the confirmation slip with you on the day

WINDSOR CASTLE VISIT, THURSDAY 15th February 2007

Please send me tickets at £40 each.

I enclose a stamped addressed envelope and a cheque for £

Please list the names of participants here

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Please join us for our
NEW YEAR PARTY

At Verulamium Museum

On Friday 12th January 2007, at 7.30 p.m.

Mulled wine and festive food

Competitions

New members especially welcome

The food will be organised by Doreen Bratby (01727 858050)
 She would welcome offers of party food, the cost of which will be reimbursed.

Liquid refreshments will be in the capable hands of Bryan Hanlon

Tickets In advance £5.00 (student members £3.00)
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Please send me the following tickets for the Society's New Year Party
 on 12th January 2007

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Total enclosed

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Bryan Hanlon, 24 Monks Horton Way, St Albans AL1 4HA

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