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**AGM  
agenda &  
nomination  
papers  
enclosed in  
this issue.**



Dear All,

Welcome to issue 2 of the Penny Farthing, and thanks to all those who have contributed.

Across the centre pages you will find the notification and agenda for this year's AGM. An inserted sheet is provided for you to send in your nominations.

One of the items on the agenda is 'adoption of amended Constitution'. Most of these changes are required to conform to the requirements of the Museums and Galleries Commission in line with our application to become a 'registered' museum. The Acquisition and Disposal Policy is a necessary document that specifies our collection policy and under what circumstances items may be sold or otherwise disposed of. Many of its sections are mandatory. The new constitution also specifies the relationship between the association, the museum itself, and who the trustees are. Again this has needed to be clarified as part of our registration tidying up. Other changes are the definition of the accounting and membership year, and when the AGM should be held. The proposed new constitution is shown on pages 12 to 15. If approved by the membership it will be submitted for approval by the Charity Commissioners. It is hoped to become a registered museum sometime during 1995. 'Registered' Status will enable us to obtain various grants for acquiring and maintaining the museum collection.

Terry Chapman  
your Chairman and newsletter editor.





## **YOUR RETIRING COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS-**

### **OFFICERS:**

Chairman:	Terry Chapman	01621 772103	
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Treasurer:	Len F. Barrell	01621 852749	
(and acting Membership Sec.)			
Minute Sec:	A.J. Froom	01621 854184	(Co-opted)

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Katherine F. Edgar			
Dr. Paddy Lacey	01621 828001		
Robert Long	01621 817762		
Brian H. Mead	01621 852882		
Judith Tullett	01621 858690		
Elizabeth Vale	01621 859059	MTC Representative)	
Merle Pipe	01621 858333	(Co-opted - Chief Steward)	



### **RELEVANT NOTES:**

Councillor Brian Mead also represents and reports to the Maldon District Council, and Councillor Elizabeth Vale the Maldon Town Council. Both are paid-up members of the Association.

Mrs Merle Pipe, having a personal interest in 'Spindles', can only be co-opted as a non-voting member of the Committee.

Mrs Cath Backus was nominated as President at the 1994 A.G.M. but despite overwhelming support and to the disappointment of many she later declined to accept. No other name has since been advanced.

# VISIT TO EPPING FOREST DISTRICT MUSEUM AT WALTHAM ABBEY

Following a visit by our Chairman to the Epping Forest District Museum at Waltham Abbey, and lengthy exploratory discussions in which the Epping staff were most helpful and seemingly pleased to be involved, a visit was arranged for Thursday 26th January, early afternoon, on a day when the museum was normally closed. Members were advised either by phone or letter, and about twenty said 'yes'. Unfortunately (but inevitably when trying to arrange anything) the time was changed by our hosts to early a.m. and that, to the disappointment of our own arrangers immediately excluded several interested members who were otherwise committed in the morning but available afternoon; not to mention the several additional, ~~irregularly~~ evasive but essential phone calls. Excluded also were both Councillors who, in retrospect, would have found the visit to be quite informative, bearing in mind the museum and allied matters under discussion in the town and district at the present time.

However, a dozen or so attended, using their own cars. They were introduced to staff members in a comfortable lecture-cum-exhibition room, and listened to a presentation of the operation of the museum, including staffing, finance, planning and exhibitions. This was followed by an informal guided tour which included the offices and store, and the inevitable cuppa.

To briefly summarize -

The Epping Forest District Museum area has a population of around 130,000; Grants and fees total in excess of £200,000; there is a Professional full time staff of four, with others part-time, paid and voluntary; Organised educational lectures and exhibitions; Exhibits are restricted to items from within the catchment area; it is a Social History Museum; Special displays are constantly being planned and room(s) set aside for this purpose in order that preparations may not be impeded by, nor impede visitors.

The original premises are timbered and unspoilt, with a modern extension for storage and office(s), all somewhat cramped, priority being obviously given over to display areas. The shop is in period style and inviting.

We left around lunch time, some to eat locally, and we hear on good authority that a party of three gents and a lady chose the nearest pub, and ordered drinks and snacks. Three drinks were served safely but the fourth shot out of the landlady's hand and promptly soaked our member's coat. Having made suitable amends mine host disappeared behind the bar and as she did so a goblet jumped from a shelf above to smash on the stone floor, and this having been cleaned up a second glass followed, quite without good cause. Was it something they said ?

It is probably safe to state that all who went to W/A would go again, and having said that, if anyone wants another look at the reproduction of a world war dug-out, it will be re-assembled and displayed in the Plume Building (St.Peter's) in May.



## EXHIBITIONS

Recent visitors to the museum will have noticed both the fine model of the barge 'Northdown' on loan from its constructor, Mr. D.T. Parry, and the oil painting of Beeleigh Abbey painted by Horatio Hollingdale in 1913-14, kindly donated by Miss Binnie.

We are currently exhibiting a fine collection of clay pipes collected by Arthur Simpson.

Exhibitions currently being arranged are:

Hand Bells, Hats, Bicycles, and a separate War memorabilia exhibition in the Plume Building. This is being put on in co-operation with Maldon Society, the British legion and Maldon Town Council as part of the VE Day commemoration. Many thanks to Epping Forest District Museum who have lent us their 'dug-out' exhibit, especially to Andy who build it and has offered to help us reconstruct it., and also helped put all the bits on the truck; also to Don Barrell who helped Len and I unpack it again this end!

**Terry Chapman**

## OLD FRIENDS

Renewal subscriptions have recently been received from a number of members of long standing, who were nearly referred to as 'old friends' but as some could have taken that in the wrong context the term was deliberately avoided even though it probably rang true; if you follow the reasoning? We are hopeful that several of these friends will appear at the A.G.M., if only to criticise what has or has not been done since the last one.

However, of one in particular others will be interested to hear, and that is of Arthur Simpson who moved to London WC1 but still retains his interest in and knowledge of the Town, Museum, Maldon Society, and Archaeological Group. Arthur was in fact the designer and maker of the wall display of the 'History of Maldon' which, unchanged, still hangs in the museum. Only recently consideration has been given to updating and upgrading it, bearing in mind the uncertainty of it's future location. Telepathy seems now to be a factor, as Arthur has, with his renewal sub, written to suggest almost word for word that this should now be done 'using the better materials now available and adding items I failed to include. etc.'. We have replied asking his advice as he quite obviously has given careful thought to the matter, and we are quite prepared to listen and learn.

He also mentions the Clay Pipe display, 'as discussed with Cath Backus some while back', and this is also in hand being arranged between Lina Pittman and Garth Groombridge of M.A.G.

ALSO he offers 'to put together a rough draft' which would include the results of the recent excavations under where the new library now stands, with info from his book on the Friary. Needless to say, we have accepted with thanks.

The Clay Pipe display is arranged, but the other two items call for considerable time and patience and are unlikely to show results for many months.

**Len Barrell**



# THE EBB AND FLOW OF A LOCAL SWIMMING CLUB. a short history

Meeting held at Moot Hall June 13th 1906

Present:: The Mayor, H.A. Krohn Esq. Councillor F.W. Moss. Dr.H.Reynolds Brown. Messrs E. Brazier, R. Matthams & G. Thompson. Mrs. H. Reynolds Brown & Mrs. F.W. Moss.

Councillor Moss proposed & Dr. Brown seconded, that a Swimming Club be formed & that qualification for membership be residence in Maldon and Heybridge and immediate neighbourhood.

Dr. Brown proposed H.A. Krohn Esq. be President; Mr.F.W.Moss seconded

The following were elected to be Vice-Presidents:

Ald. E.A. Fitch, Counc A. Ashley, T.E. Bland Esq., Ald. T. Bentall, Counc F.W. Moss, E.E. Bentall Esq., F.H. Bright Esq.

Rev J.A. Telford was elected an Hon Member

The following were elected to form a Committee:

Mrs Brown, Mrs Rush, Messrs E. Brazier, R. Matthams, H.W. Pell & G. Thompson.

Mr. G.E. Hider consented to act as Secretary pro temps.

Dr. Brown proposed & Mr. Moss seconded a Vote of Thanks to the Mayor.

The following were the Rules of the Club.

1. That this Club shall be called The Maldon and Heybridge Swimming Club.
2. That the Object of the Club shall be to teach and promote the art of Swimming & the allied art of Life Saving.

(... up to Rule 11)

So began the history of our local Swimming Club in 1906. The above is a copy of the Club's original minutes which are now held with the Cups by the Museum.

You may ask: Why bother to copy all those names? The older amongst us living locally before the last war and some since, will immediately have recognised several names, and with deeper thought may find that the others are not entirely forgotten.

Turning the pages in 1906 we find other reminders of Maldon family names: to mention just a few: ...Beale, Beil, Hurrell, Pitt, Gower, Thomas, Lance. Then Brewer, Brammall, French, Mead, Crick, Rivers, Basham, Smith, Bacon, Kemble, Crosby, Hatley, Todd, Dines Hathaway, Markham, Livermore, Leather & Wenden. Swales, Pinyoun, Jeffreys, and Osborne (yes, Cyril)



and so on to the first AGM. Members of the Maldon Society who have made a particular study of Maldon History will already have identified many of these names.

On March 25th 1907 the membership totalled 71, 63 in the Men's Section and 8 in the Ladies', and the Annual Subscription was five shillings. The names of Sir Claude Champion de Crespigny and B.E. Bland were added to those of Bentall, Fitch, Dr. Brown, Ashley, T.E. Bland, Bright and Moss as Vice-Presidents for 1907.

It would be onerous to detail the events recorded from here on, but from time to time other familiar names occur and are worthy of mention, such as Minter, Tunner, Sharpe, Randall, Coult, Volta, Cranmer and Stammers. Keeble, Bruce, Wiseman, Willett, Lloyd, Popple and Peart.

Meanwhile the Club had become affiliated to the Southern Counties Amateur Swimming Association ('S.C.A.S.A.') and The Royal Life Saving Society.

We now skip a few years and a few familiar names, which may disappoint the reader who remembers, and if this should occur we shall be pleased to search the records for a particular name.

Came the seventh AGM on 3rd April 1913 and there were now 96 members, and H.A. Krohn had donated the first cup, a 'Coronation Cup' in March 1911.

In March 1914 the membership had risen to 148, (the Ladies' section now numbered 52), and one might then reasonably expect to find references to members leaving for the front, but not a word about the war UNTIL on the 5th March 1915 "It was resolved that all members serving in HM Forces who had not paid their subscriptions for 1914 be made Honorary Members for the current year."

That resolution was repeated at the AGM on 31st May 1915 when only nine in total were present, and in May 1916 it was decided "to allow the working of the club to remain in abeyance until the conclusion of the war".

In April 1919 the Club reformed with an attempt to remuster the earlier members, and the 'Leonard Fitch Memorial Challenge Cup' was received. E.T. Baker appears on the scene, followed by Crittall, Dines, Lennox Brown, Gozzett & Broadhurst, and in 1924 numbers had again grown to 111 (68 men + 43 ladies), but it took time to regain it's pre-war strength.

The names so far mentioned are mainly the founder members and Vice-Presidents, on which much importance was placed and by 1925. We find Mayor A.L. Clarke, with the names of Sadd, Ruggles Brice, Angell, with Drs Wallis, Falkner and Pirrie, and others.

For no recorded reason, by 1926 the membership had fallen to 93, and in 1927 to 57 including Vice-Presidents which left a dearth of active members.

In April 1930 the situation was grave, officials resigned, and there was talk of dissolving the club. Although probably the oldest swimming club in Essex, widely travelled and with many successes and excellent facilities, having given much pleasure to both locals and visitors throughout many seasons with it's various displays and competitions, it appeared to have worn itself out. Nevertheless a number of stalwarts with the support of several vice-presi's decided to carry on by restricting some of it's activities, and met with success to bring the numbers back to 114 (70 men, 44 ladies) by the end of the year.



In 1932 Sir Claude de Crespigny presented a 'Ladies Challenge Cup' and from Albert Bunting a 'Long Distance Championship' cup. In 1935 Playle of Maldon presented one for '1/4 Mile Champion- ship', whilst somewhere in the minutes, presently hiding, is the report that the (1911) 'Kahn Cup cannot be traced' or words to that effect, so if anyone has any knowledge of it's fate the museum will be pleased to hear it, or better still to receive it.

There is mention of other cups including the 'Borough Cups' (May 1935 etc) and 'The Maldon & Heybridge Chamber of Trade Cup' and any info on any of these would be of interest.

In 1939 numbers had fallen to 52 and an extract from the 35th Annual Report states: "Owing to the outbreak of war the Essex Long Distance Championship was postponed... so few members available to compete... it would be encouraging to see members adopt a more sporting attitude in this respect."

In June 1940 the Club Cups "should be called in and deposited in Barciays Bank". No further minutes are recorded until 1946.

The war was ended and somewhere along the line the words "and Heybridge" have been lost as the minutes now refer to the "Maldon Swimming Club". A meeting was held in the Moot Hall on December 2nd 1946 attended only by Alderman S.G. Tydeman, E. Harvey, J. Gozzett, A. Adams, C. Freeman, Mr. Browning, G. Cossin, B. and J. Barwell and M. Brookes, which latter three names we suspect were all 'Misses'. It was proposed that the club should amalgamate with the Maldon Town Athletic and Social Club and on the 12th December with Baden Saville in the chair this was effected and the club renamed the Maldon Town Swimming Club, retaining it's own committee and secretary. There were eleven cups on record at that time.

From May 1947 until May 1952 no minutes appear in the minute book and no pages have been removed as both dates appear on adjoining pages. So on 28th May 1952 Baden Saville, T. Tostevin, J. Barwell,

J. Haste, E. Wilsher, B. Keeble and H. Hartop met "regarding reforming the club" but postponed the meeting until June 10th in the hope of a better attendance which, in the event, resulted in 17 members present. The names Newell, Plastow and Davis now appear, with Mr Hughes in the chair.

The next few years suggest that the lack of interest common to many local projects over the post-war years had now taken a firm grip on the club. "Of course we want a club" and many are indignant if their support is questioned, so form a club, get it all organised, and they'll go elsewhere. So it seems to have been here, with at the most 47 people attending an AGM and normally less than half that number up to 1960. There appears to be no record of total members from year to year.

Meanwhile names such as Firmin, Woodard, Gladas, Eves and Clift also appear and although there were to our certain knowledge other members they were not on Committees and are not named in the minutes.

In 1954 the 'B T Keeble Shield' was presented, the only such trophy to be recorded. Other cups appeared: in 1954 the A Plastow & D Newell 'Points Championship Cup'; in 1958 The Bunting



Cup 'Girls Points Championship'; the Firmin Cup 'Girls Diving'; the Harris 'Diving Cup for Boys'; and in 1959 the D Newell & A Plastow 'Junior Championship'.

Glancing through the pages to the AGM in March '61 the finances appear to be in a healthy state throughout, whilst many of the earlier members and supporters are still very active, and to whom we now add Messrs G.Ginn, F.Yuill, C.Freeman, and D.Parratt plus Mrs Freeman and Mrs Firmin all or some of whom we could have previously overlooked. Membership now is reported to be 119 Junior and approx 60 Senior. One minute is worthy of note and reads: "A discussion took place on a Swimming Pool for the town and Mr. Ginn said he would enquire as to the possibility of a grant from the County".

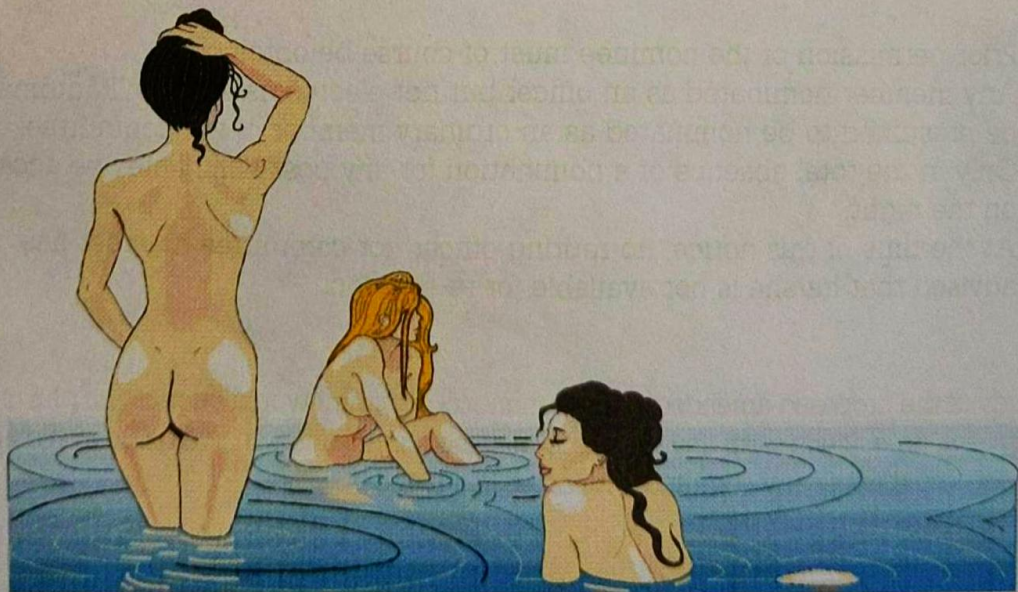
In June 1961 a 'Miss Walker Cup' for freestyle is mentioned, and a 'Kingsman Cup' for diving, as well as a one mile race for the 'T.H.W. Trophy'. Has anyone any knowledge of these nowadays?

On Sunday July 2nd '61 during the Long Distance Swim, "a sand barge rammed and overturned a dinghy following one of the swimmers".

In 1962 the Bank Balance was £169.6.10d, and the names Morley and Mrs.Yuill are noted. 'Jimmy' Gozzett, Harry Hartop, Brian Keeble, Fred Yuill, and R. Harvey, Miss Blackman and Mrs Parratt still regularly attend Committee meetings.

In July '64 it was reported that the "Club Gala had to be cancelled owing to insufficient numbers of swimmers", and "Mr. Morley kindly consented to keep Club Trophies at Westminster Bank". Messrs Watson and Harman are elected to the committee and two years later, Miss Yuill, but a slow decline had already begun.

Reading between the lines reveals no loss of enthusiasm by the committee and no minute suggests fear of water pollution as the reason for loss of members yet that, coupled with the increased popularity of television may just have spelled the end. The last minuted entry dated 15th November 1966 is quite unexceptional.





## MALDON MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

### NOTICE of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on

TUESDAY the 28TH MARCH at 7.30 P.M. IN 'ST. CEDD'S',

(In the grounds of the Maldon District Council Offices.)

THE MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL PAID-UP MEMBERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED COPIES OF THIS NOTIFICATION. PLEASE BRING THIS WITH YOU TO SHOW AT THE DOOR AS PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP,

(as it is unlikely that the 'doorkeeper' will recognise each and every one.)

RENEWAL SUBS will be accepted at the meeting, and acknowledged afterwards.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS will be accepted before the AGM but not registered as members until the first meeting of the new committee, which means that they will not be entitled to attend this AGM.

NOMINATIONS for President, Officers and Members of Committee with seconders, should be made on the supplied nomination form, or any suitable alternative sheet, sealed in an envelope addressed to the Chairman at 'Spindles', Church Walk, Maldon, CM9 7PY, to arrive NOT LATER THAN 12.00 NOON on MONDAY 27TH MARCH 1995.

- Prior permission of the nominee must of course be obtained.
- Any member nominated as an officer but not elected as such will automatically be presumed to be nominated as an ordinary member of the committee.
- Only in the total absence of a nomination for any post will names be accepted on the night.
- At the time of this notice, no retiring officer nor committee member has advised that he/she is not available for re-election.

Prior study of the proposed amended Constitution (copy within) would be most helpful and hopefully save time. If you wish any matter to be raised or question answered, it would also assist if you could notify any committee member in advance.



AGENDA

1. Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of previous AGM (July '1994)
4. Matters arising.
5. Chairman's report on eight months since last AGM.
6. Secretary's report.
7. Treasurer's report, and adoption of accounts.
8. Membership Secretary's report.
9. Exhibits report
10. Setting of Subscriptions for year ended 31st March 1996.
11. ~~A.O.B at this point.~~
12. Election of President for year ending 31 March 1996, or (optionally)  
selection of president for duration of election of officers and committee.
13. Adoption of amended Constitution  
(which will be subject to approval of the Charity Commissioners).

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paid from  
1<sup>st</sup> April

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 1996

(Retiring Chairman to give way to President)

14. Election of Chairman.
15. Election of Vice Chairman.
16. Election of Secretary
17. Election of Treasurer.
18. Election of Membership Secretary.
19. Election of FIVE Committee members.
20. Appointment of Honorary Auditor.
21. ~~A.O.B.~~
22. Chairman's closing remarks.

Inform M & B, M & T  
MTC Thurs 10-1  
Notice Board near front  
Ray Brewer 17<sup>th</sup> Century Mat  
Hers Lect  
Any time.

General Discussion



## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

### 1. Name

The Association shall be called the 'Maldon District Museum Association'.

### 2. Object

The object of the Association, a charitable trust, registered with the Charity commissioners as Charity number 301362, shall be the management of the museum to be known as 'Maldon District Museum',

The museum shall be managed in accordance with the allowable activities of a charity; the committee of the Association are the trustees of the charitable trust.

### 3. Aims

The Association shall seek to maintain the museum as a registered museum in accordance with the Museum and Galleries Commission instructions and guidelines.

The collection policy of the museum is to be defined by the museum's Acquisition and Disposal Policy, which shall be maintained in accordance with the approval of the Museums and Galleries Commission.

### 4. Membership

Membership shall be open to any member of the public upon payment of an annual subscription as determined from time to time at an ~~Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting~~

The Membership Year shall run from 1st April. New subscriptions will be for the full amount during the first half year up to the 30th September, and 50% during the remainder of the membership year to 31st March.

### 5. Committee and Officers

The business of the Association shall be conducted by a Committee of ten members including the following officers:

- ◆ Chairman
- ◆ Vice-Chairman,
- ◆ Secretary
- ◆ Treasurer
- ◆ Membership Secretary



The Committee shall have power to co-opt members and to fill casual vacancies. The Officers and other Committee members shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election at subsequent Annual General Meetings. Other than in exceptional circumstances the Chairman should not serve for an unbroken term exceeding three years

## 6. President and Vice-President

A President and Vice-President may, at the discretion of members, be appointed at any Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election at each Annual General Meeting. Such appointments may be made other than from the members of the Association.

## 7. Meetings

~~At least fourteen day's notice shall be given to the members.~~

An Annual General Meeting shall be held during the month of May.

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the President or the Chairman, and must be called within four weeks in response to a written request stating the purpose of the meeting & signed by at least ten members of the association .

All meetings shall require at least 14 day's notice to be given to all paid-up members.

All business to be voted on must be stated in the notice, no new motions may be accepted

## 8. Quorum

Four Committee members shall constitute a quorum at Committee meetings.

Ten members of the Association shall constitute a quorum at ~~Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings.~~

## 9. Funds

The Committee shall maintain banking accounts in the name of the association into which all monies shall be paid, and shall render audited accounts to the Annual General Meeting. Two officers shall be required to sign cheques; at least one of these shall be the Treasurer or the Chairman. Transfers between the Association's ~~current and deposit~~ accounts may be made against any one of the approved signatures.

The Association's Financial Year shall run from 1st April to 31st March.

## 10. Emoluments

Committee members must not receive any emolument from the funds of the Association.



## 11. Expenses

Any member may reclaim expenses at the discretion of the Committee of the Association.

## 12. Maintenance of records relating to the museum collection

Those items forming part of the museum collection shall be listed and identified in an acquisition register, maintained in accordance with the requirements for a registered museum as specified by the Museums and Galleries Commission. Further records documenting the addition or removal of items to the collection and associated transfer of ownership shall be maintained as required for a registered museum as specified by the Museums and Galleries Commission.

## 13. Items Received by the Association other than those forming part of the museum collection

The Committee shall maintain a register of all items held by the Association. This register shall contain a description of the item sufficient to identify it, the date of acquisition and the mode of acquisition whether it be by purchase, loan, or donation.

## 14. Termination

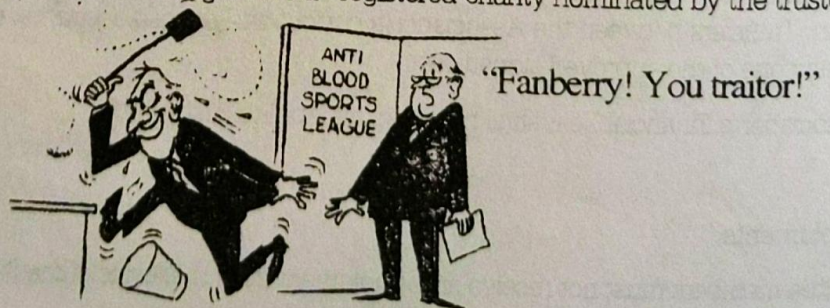
*a general meeting*  
Termination of the Association and museum shall only be by a properly notified motion brought to an ~~AGM~~ and voted for by at least two thirds of the paid-up membership, and by unanimous decision of the trustees.

## 15. Disposition of Assets - other than those forming part of the museum collection

In the event of the Association's existence being terminated, the Officers shall to the best of their ability ensure that all items on loan to the Association are returned to their owners. Other Assets may be sold and their value added to the funds of the Association.

## 16. Disposition of Funds on Termination

In the event of the Association's existence being terminated funds remaining after the payment of debts and return of any loans shall be given to a registered charity nominated by the trustees.





*Meeting 25/4/95*

17 Disposal of the Collection

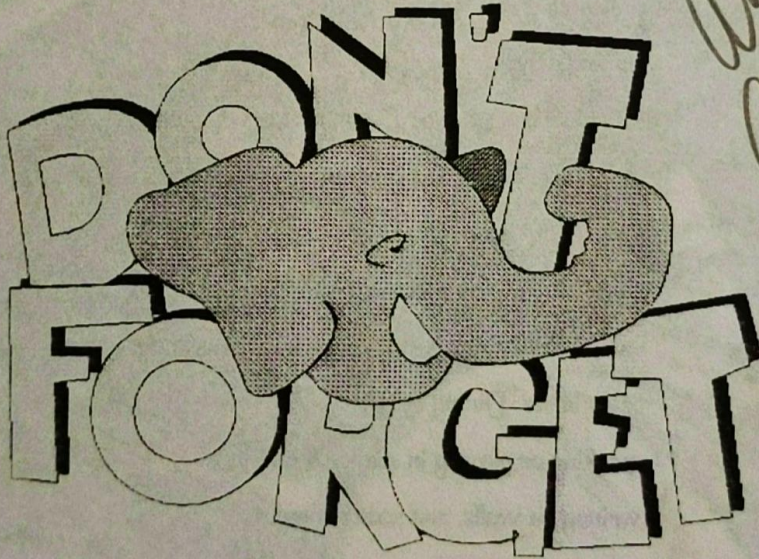
In the event of the termination of the museum, all items in the collection must be disposed of in accordance with the Acquisition and Disposals Policy.

<sup>18</sup> 16. Alterations to the Constitution

This constitution may be amended by the members of the Association at an ~~Annual~~ General Meeting or ~~Extraordinary~~ General Meeting, providing that the motion to do so is carried by at least half the paid-up membership, or two thirds of those present, whichever is the smaller; except that no change may be made affecting this clause (clause 16) or to the clause relating to Termination of the Museum (clause 14) unless such a change is supported by two thirds of the paid-up membership.

Note: As the Association is a Charitable Trust Amendments must also be approved by the Charity Commissioners.

*Amended  
Copies to all  
members*



**SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
31ST MARCH 1996 ARE NOW DUE.**



## Rules Of Conduct

### 19th Century School for Young Ladies

Every Lady to rise upon the entrance of the Principal

Every Lady to rise upon the entrance of a Visitor, and remain standing while conversing with, or until the visitor be seated.

Every Lady to rise upon the departure of a visitor.

Not to let any one pass with the shoulder or back.

Not to let the back be seen on entering or leaving the room.

Never to reply to a question without bowing.

Always to rise when answering or wishing to ask a question from a superior in age or position.

Six bad marks for banging doors.

Four	" "	being late down stairs.
Three	" "	leaving things out of place.
Three	" "	being in the Bed-rooms without permission.
Two	" "	being in another Lady's room without leave.
Twelve	" "	untidy hair, nails, and teeth.
Six	" "	rushing about the room and shouting.
Two	" "	using another Lady's books and clothes without leave.
Two	" "	being in the Dining or Drawing-room unless practising.
Six	" "	speaking or playing in silence hour.
Four	" "	writing on walls, and scattering paper.
Six	" "	unlady-like expressions.
Six	" "	muttering when spoken to.
Two	" "	sitting on the fire-guard.
Six	" "	for entering a closed room without knocking at the door.

*These bad marks to be taken from Class marks.*



# VOIR

Supplément illustré de l'Amérique en Guerre.

• Edition par avion



## COMMUNIQUE ALLIE NO. 1

"Sous le commandement du général Eisenhower, des forces navales alliées, appuyées par de puissantes forces aériennes, ont commencé le débarquement des armées alliées ce matin sur la côte nord de la France."

6 juin, 1944



# **COLLECTION INFORMATION AND ACQUISITIONS**

We are in the process of checking and updating the numbering and registration of all items in the possession of the museum, a mighty task, much of which has already been completed. Bear in mind however that what is seen in 'Spindles' in no way represents the total collection, the bulk of which is stored elsewhere.

Kath Buckley, a graduate in History & Archaeology, who works part time for Epping Forest District Museum has offered to assist us with our registration by donating one or two days a week of her time. She would be, if the new committee so decided, be our Acquisitions Officer, (a non-elected position and appointed by the committee). Kath has met with the committee to so we could access each other -formalities have yet to be concluded.

## **ENTRY CHARGE 00p/25p/50p/75p?**

Should there really be a charge for entry to a local non-private museum? After all when the museum receives a grant from either the Town or District Council, the local resident is already paying a contribution, albeit a tiny one through local taxation, so might object if only on principle. On the other hand, the out of district visitor has paid nothing towards the museum and could justifiably be asked to contribute, couldn't he?... but how to differentiate is another problem, accepting always that there are a few locals known to almost everyone else and/or the occasional steward on duty at the door who instinctively senses a visitor.

So where do we go from here? At the end of the day it is the local Councils who settle the major costs such as rent, and the paid-up members of the Association who pay the everyday running costs, aided by donations from the visiting public and the very occasional bequest. It is also the volunteer members who do the work which would otherwise be left, to the detriment of the exhibits and the museum generally. Unlike larger museums, we have no professional qualified staff; only experienced volunteers who think twice before asking for extra equipment or display cases or exhibits, as they are well aware that the available cash is not there.

So to boost our income, (and this article is, after all, intended to start a few arguments), let us charge say, 50p per adult/25p per disabled and OAP/and 10p per child over six. Organised parties at pre-agreed rates and times. Paid-up members could be issued with members' entry cards which would exempt each one from such charge.

YOUR COMMENTS WILL BE WELCOMED BY THE SECRETARY, C/O 'SPINDLES'.

*Note:*

*The usual Saturday 'takings' from about 50 to 100 visitors amount to about £11 to £15, including the payment for a few items from our 'shop'.*

*On one recent Saturday (with the usual number of visitors) the total takings were. 70P.*

*Our thanks must go to Len Barrell for the construction of the new eye-catching perspex donations box which seems to catch the visitors' attention more than the old offertory box.*



*A document currently in limited circulation seemed to justify the use of space in this newsletter; being topical, it will be of interest to many. Similar articles mysteriously appear from time to time, yet an author is rarely named; this is no exception -*

## WE ARE SURVIVORS!

(for those born before 1940, or thereabouts)

We were born before television, before penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, videos, frisbees and the Pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ballpoint pens; before dishwashers, tumble dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes; and before man walked on the moon.

We got married *first* and then lived together (how quaint can you get!). We thought 'fast food' was what you ate in Lent, a 'Big Mac' was an oversized raincoat and 'crumpler' we had for tea. We existed before 'house husbands', computer dating, dual careers, and when a 'meaningful relationship' meant getting along with cousins, and 'sheltered accommodation' was where you waited for a 'bus.

We were before day care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt and young men wearing earrings. For us 'time-sharing' meant togetherness, a chip was a piece of wood or fried potato, 'hardware' meant nuts and bolts and 'software' wasn't even a word.

Before 1940 'Made in Japan' meant 'junk', the term 'making out' referred to how you did in your exams. 'Stud' was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and 'going all the way' meant staying on a double-decker 'bus as far as the depot. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. In our day, cigarette smoking was 'fashionable', 'grass' was mown, 'coke' was kept in the coal house, a 'joint' was a piece of meat you had on Sundays and 'pot' was something you cooked in. 'Rock music' was a grandmother's lullaby, 'Eldorado' was an ice cream, a 'gay person' was the life and soul of the party and nothing more, whilst 'aids' just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

Those of us born before 1940 must be a hardy bunch of individuals when you consider the way the world has changed and all the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we sometimes get confused and the term 'generation gap' is used so often in conversation today.

But by the grace of God we have survived!

## Alleluia!



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## HEYBRIDGE PARISH BOUNDARIES

### BEATING OF THE BOUNDS by the PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONERS

To all whom These Presents shall come

We, Alexander Watford of The Town of Cambridge and Michael Mason of Cranston Park in The Coy of Essex Gent<sup>n</sup> Commrs named and appointed in and by an act of parliament made and passed in The 51<sup>ST</sup> year of The reign of His present Majesty King George The Third instituted An Act for enclosing lands in The parish of Heybridge in The County of Essex send greeting

Whereas we The sd Commrs in obedience To The dions and in exercise and exon of The powers and authorities vested in us in and by The sd act did before we proceeded To act further in The exon thereof cause public notice To be affixed on The principal utter door of The parish church of Heybridge afo<sup>sd</sup> and also public notice by advertisement in The Chelmsford Chronicle being one of The Newspapers usually circulated in The sd County of Essex of The Time and place of holding our first and all other subsequent meetings as by The afo<sup>sd</sup> act we were particularly directed (meetings by adjourn<sup>t</sup> only excepted) at which first meeting holden by us at The house of James Kense<sup>t</sup> called or known by The name or sign of The Kings Head in Maldon in The sd Coy of Essex on Monday The 26<sup>th</sup> day of June which was in The year of our Lord 1811 we The sd Commrs did severally Take and subscribe The oath by The sd act directed To be Taken and subscribed by us before we should proceed further To carry The sd act into exon which oath is hereunto annexed and intended To be enrolled at The same Time and in The same place with This our award And whereas a survey admeasurement and plan of all The lands and grounds by The sd act directed To be divided allotted and enclosed and also of all and every of The Homesteads Gardens Orchards Homesteads and other ancient enclosures within The said parish of Heybridge hath been made and reduced into writing by Abraham Cass in Cambridge afo<sup>rsaid</sup> Land Surveyor appointed by us The said Commissioners for That purpose which hath been duly verified upon The oath of The said Abraham Cass and laid before us at our several meetings holden by us during The progress of The said inclosure as by The said act is directed (a reduced copy of which is hereunto annexed) To The intent The same may be enrolled with This our Award From which survey admeasurement and plan it appears That The Quantity in statute measure of The lands and Grounds by The said Act directed To be allotted and enclosed amounts To 169A 2R 32P exclusive of roads over The same and That The quantity in statute measure of all Homesteads gardens orchards Homesteads and other ancient enclosures within The sd parish of Heybridge Together with The common meadow awarded in exchange amounts To 1645A OR 19P making Together 1814A 3R 11P

Now know The said Commrs having carefully valued The commons and waste lands and other rights To which The common and waste lands were in any wise incident and liable and considered and determined upon The claims of The several proprietors which have been produced and laid before us and having perambulated ascertained and fixed The Boundaries of The said parish of Heybridge which we do adjudge and determine To be as hereina<sup>t</sup>er is mentioned and set forth and having also made The several partitions and allotments of The said Commons and waste lands by The said Act directed To be divided allotted and enclosed and having settled and adjusted all such exchanges as we were required To settle and adjust and having also finally adjusted settled provided directed and appointed all such other matters and Things as are in and by The said Act committed or referred To as preparatory To The making and executing This our award made pursuant and in conformity To The directions of The said act we The Commrs have caused To be formed and drawn up This our award in writing of all matters and Things referred To us as Commissioners in and by The said before mentioned Act in The manner and form following (That is To say) we The said Commissioners pursuant To The perambulation which hath been made thereof by us of The said parish of Heybridge on The 16<sup>th</sup> day of October which was AD 1811

Do by This our award finally declare ascertain and set out determine fix award and confirm The Boundaries of The said parish of Heybridge To be as follows commencing at The North end of Heybridge Bridge and at The South East corner of a public house called The T<sup>ty</sup> belonging To Isaac Brightweers...

From the first part of the actual document, handwritten on faded blue paper. It continues in the same style for 30 times this length - obviously full stops were in short supply!