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'Let's Look at a Church' No.52 – St Swithin, Bintree

The Church of St Swithin (or Swithun) in the tiny village of Bintree or Bintry - Bintrey or possibly Byntree if you prefer, at least two of the spellings have been known to occur in the same document, is according to Mortlock & Roberts (*The Popular Guide to Norfolk Churches*) one of four churches in the county dedicated to the saint. There was also once (1877) a Primitive Methodist chapel but that has long since closed and is now converted into a private dwelling. Bintree, population around 300, also boasts a large disused watermill used by the BBC in 1997 for *The Mill on the Floss* – 'filmed in the beautiful heartlands of England' and on the small compact village green an old whipping post presently away for refurbishment. Swithin of Winchester, for whom the church is named, has a small fairly recent statue in a niche over the south porch entrance and is of course the saint familiar in popular weather lore which as everyone knows prognosticates that rain on 15th July means another 40 days of the saint 'baptising his apples' a superstition which possibly dates from pagan times and is also found in connection with other 'rainy saints' in France and Germany.

Before entering the church which is of considerable antiquity despite some restoration in 1865 and the rebuilding of the chancel which collapsed in 1806, we pause to admire the pinnacled tower which dates from the mid 14th century and contains three bells the oldest made in Norwich in around 1380, a fourth having been sold in 1864 to purchase a huge stone pulpit – the visitor must decide if it was worth it. Just inside the south door, pause to look at a benatura recessed in the wall and used for dispensing holy water in medieval times then proceed to the font which is a fine example of the 14th century stone carvers craft. Next, a large iron

bound chest also said to date from the 14th century and made from a hollowed out tree trunk takes our eye before we walk down the body of the church to the Lady Chapel, perhaps more often a feature of larger churches, which now occupies the transept and which was restored eighty years ago and has an interesting Victorian window celebrating two naval captains. Near to the altar and only discovered in 1903 is a Norman pillar piscina, a shallow basin used for washing the communion vessels. This example is of note being one of only four of its type in England. We finally examine the Bishop's chair dating from 1664 and bearing an embroidered symbol of the Holy Trinity.

Leaving the building, we turn left and exploring the small but atmospheric graveyard with its ancient tombs - the 20th century graves are in a new plot over the road, we come upon, the grave, recently cleaned, of one the Revd Richard William Enraght who from 1895 until his death three years later was priest of St Swithin's. Fr. Enraght's grave is that of a "Confessor" (someone who suffered for his faith, while not actually dying for it) and his story is an interesting one. Born in Ireland in 1837, Enraght joined the Anglican priesthood in 1861 and was greatly influenced by the ideas of the Oxford Movement which opposed liberal tendencies in the Church and sought the revival of High Church practices and doctrine later leading to what became known as Anglo-Catholicism and ritualism. In 1874, Disraeli's government with the backing of the Anglican hierarchy decided to crush ritualism in the Church of England with the passing of Public Worship Regulation Act and soon, Enraght, by now a vicar in Birmingham, fell foul of the law eventually serving 49 days in prison for such illegal practices as the use of wafer bread in Holy Communion, making the sign of the Cross and allowing the Agnus Dei of the mass to be sung - they took their religion seriously in those days! Not unsurprisingly, the case became a *cause célèbre* and such was the public outcry that there were no more attempts to use the law to suppress ritualism and Enraght had the dubious distinction of being one of the last English clerics to be imprisoned for his religious beliefs and is still very much remembered at St Swithin's where his processional cross is apparently still in use.

The original parish registers are held at the Norfolk Record Office (Cat. Ref. PD276) and comprise Baptisms 1582-1995, Marriages 1593-1667, 1681-1993, Burials 1558-1959 and Banns 1756-1971. Microform copies of these are available for research but are incomplete - those for the Baptisms end at 1900, the Marriages in 1901 and the Burials and Banns only run to 1902. Archdeacon's and Bishop's Transcripts cover Baptisms 1600-1866, Marriages 1600-1837 and Burials 1600-1866. Also available at the Record Office are items from the Parish Chest including a Bintree tithe apportionment and map for 1844, a record of altered tithe apportionments for the period 1858-1891, Overseers of the Poor Accounts 1731-1843, Churchwarden's, Vestry and Parochial Church Council documents 1619-1972 and the Town Book for 1619-1797. *Roderic & Denise Woodhouse*

A few lines from your new Editor ...

Hello – I'm Kate Easdown, your new Editor, and I hope I can do as good a job as Jean has done over the years. I would be grateful for your contributions and letters, let me know what you would like to see in your magazine, let me know if your research has thrown up anything particularly fascinating or unusual, in fact anything you would like to share with other members.

Format for Newsletter Contributions Preferably typed using Microsoft Word or Works, then please email the file to me at Familyhis@aol.com or post in on a CD/floppy disk or handwritten, to me at the address on the back of the Newsletter.

Deadline for inclusion in the next Newsletter January 10th 2009.

Kate

..... And a THANK-YOU TO OUR 'RETIRED' EDITOR

Jean Loizou, with a certain degree of apprehension, took over from Glynn Burrows as Editor in 1997 and her first newsletter was issued in January 1998. Jean introduced the beige semi-hard cover and Jean introduced the idea of issues being numbered by the four seasons. From the start she decided to retain the 'Let's Look at Churches' theme. Her first issue carried Little Fransham church on the cover, that was number 7. Incredibly her last newsletter, Autumn 2008, featured St Andrew at Guist, number 51. I make that 45 issues - all produced on time and to the same high standard of content and layout.

As well as putting the Newsletter together and canvassing for articles, what most of us failed to realise, was that for much of her time as editor she also looked after the advertisements, negotiated directly with the printer, often driving to Wisbech to collect the finished product, stuck address labels on the envelopes, inserted the newsletters and then took those not collected at the meeting to the post office - very much a full time unpaid job.

I am sure that I speak for all members of the society; past, present, local and distant in offering a most sincere thank you for those ten years dedicated work. Hopefully we shall continue to see Jean at our monthly meetings. Maybe, between her gardening and new 'aviary' bird hobby, with all that spare time now on her hands, she will contribute the occasional article to help out our 'new' Newsletter editor, or perhaps even offer a little talk. But whatever she decides to do, on behalf of the Mid Norfolk Family History Society I wish her and her partner, Don, all the best for the future.

Tom Garland

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A Monetary Question

In the chancel of Foulsham church there is an elaborate memorial to Sir Thomas Hunt who died in 1616. The memorial has sculptured kneeling figures of him, dressed in full armour, and his three wives in dress of the period.

At the bottom of the memorial is a tablet listing the charities to which he bequeathed annual payments - £10 for the maintenance of the church organ, £20 to The Worshipful Company of Fishmongers, 53s.4d to the poor of St Dunstan's and a similar amount to the poor of Cambwell. Why 53s.4d, why such a strange, yet precise amount?

From my 'ancient' Newnes Encyclopaedia I learnt that in 1351 Edward III introduced a Gold Noble coin, which was valued at one third of a pound (6s.8d). Armed with this I went back to MY schooldays when:

12 pence equalled 1 shilling and 20 shillings equalled 1 pound

Sums was my favourite subject at school and it didn't take me long to work out that 6s 8d = 80d and 53s. 4d = 640d. Therefore by dividing 640 by 80 I concluded that Sir John's donations to the poor were in fact 8 Gold Nobles per year, which like the £20 and £10 donations was a far less cumbersome figure

Problem solved? No not quite, for if this was the case why is it not written on the tablet as 8 Gold Nobles? Referring back to my encyclopaedia I discovered that the Gold Noble only remained in use until the reign of Henry VII (1485 - 1509). Consequently, if my encyclopaedia is correct, by the time of Sir John's death the Gold Noble had not been struck for over 100 years.

So my question is: Why was the donation not converted into £ s d and written on the tablet as £2.13s 4d. Was the Gold Noble replaced by something else of the same value; or was this a case of an old (very old) monetary sum still in use by the wealthy, reluctant to see it's passing? Whatever, the answer, why did Sir Thomas's 'accountants' not advise that the amount should be rounded up to £3, or down to £2, which surely would have made it much easier to administer the donation?

Tom Garland

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society Annual General Meeting took place on the 17th September. There were three committee changes, Sue Vicarage took on the post of Secretary, Denise and Roderic took on Members' Interests and Kate became the Editor. The Chairman's report is as follows:

CHAIRMANS AGM REPORT - 2008

And so the society comes to its 14th year. During that time I don't think that I have seriously considered that we may have to close, or at the very least drastically change. However, this year with Jean's enforced resignation as Newsletter editor and no practical volunteer to take over I thought the future of the society really was in jeopardy. Fortunately, Kate Easdown has volunteered to have a go and the crisis has been averted. All I can now ask is that having 'saved' the society the least we can do is all make an effort to supply her with stories, articles, snippets and research experiences etc to help make her job easier.

Apart from that major problem the society has had another good year. Despite Jean's pending departure the Newsletter appeared, on time and to the usual high standard, Sue's Members Interest appeared in the spring, as it always does and Joan's E mail bulletin magically appeared on our monitors every month. Our very small band of MI recorders did another four churchyards and we sold over 200 booklets. Barry still co-ordinates our Burial Index which is still proving a valuable asset; 'Surname' printouts from it, by post, e-mail, Gressenhall and The Norwich History Fairs, and royalties from the online version, although individually selling for only a few pence, earned us over £300.

Once again, thanks to the varied and interesting programmes that Graham arranged for us, our monthly meetings attracted an average of 40 people. But we must not forget Susan and her helpers with the library, the people who come in early to set up, Shirley with the refreshments, etc who all play their part in helping to make our monthly meetings an enjoyable and interesting experience.

Our membership stands at 278 and despite increasing prices our 'Statement of Income over Expenditure' shows a surplus of almost £500, which meant that once again, we were able to recommend that the annual membership fee remains unchanged.

This is a very brief synopsis of the past year and I would like to finish with a formal 'thank you' to all the committee for helping make the society run smoothly and to all the members for your continuing support.

Footnote: The observant, will realise that the new Editor was the Society Secretary. Consequently we have had to do a minor 'cabinet re-shuffle' (see details on back cover of Newsletter) - please bear with us while we find our feet.

Tom Garland (Chairman)

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st July 2008 is on the following page.

MID NORFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2008

EXPENDITURE	2007	2007	2007
Newletters (printing, postage)	£ 1,001.75	£ 989.25	£ 885.45
Less advertising revenue	£ 32.50	£ 811.29	£ 539.31
Meetings and Events	£ 205.00	£ 206.70	£ 144.48
General Admin. (post, stationery etc)		£ 128.11	£ 126.80
FFHS Subscription and Insurance		£ 30.18	£ 47.88
Publicity		£ 29.16	£ 66.76
Projects		£ 15.55	£ 61.90
Library Purchases		£ 478.96	£ 60.88
Equipment (help/print/pack/upgrade)		£ -	£ 50.00
Website		£ 4.75	£ 5.00
Sundries		£ 499.59	£ 683.52
Excess income over expenditure		£3,017.94	£ 2,662.28
TOTAL			
BALANCE AS AT 31st JULY 2006			
LIABILITIES			
Accumulated Fund		£3,974.91	
Balance as at 31.7.07		£ -	
Plus excess inc. over exp.		£ 499.59	
Balance as at 31.7.08		£4,374.90	
Uncleared cheques		£ 202.39	
Cash in hand		£4,577.29	
		£ 126.10	
		£4,451.19	
INCOME			
Subscriptions		£376.70	
Publication Sales		£ 525.69	
Less printing/postage refunds		£ 24.50	
Less commission (to churches)		£ 550.19	
Voucher Sales		£ 426.51	£ 260.78
Miscellaneous Sales		£ -	£ 35.00
FFHS On-Line Commission		£ 106.65	£ 86.60
Donations		£ 275.94	£ 218.82
Bank Interest		£ 95.37	£ 11.40
		£ 106.47	£ 75.70
TOTAL		£ 3,017.94	£ 2,662.28
ASSETS			
Cash at HSBC Bank			
Treasurer Account		£ 265.57	
Business Money Manager Account		£ 4,185.62	
		£ 4,451.19	

I report that the above Income and Expenditure Account is in accordance with the books and records supplied to me.

Signed *[Signature]*

Date *1st September 2008*

And after the business of the AGM was finished Tom's quiz was held, here are some of the questions Can you answer them? *The answers are on page 21.*

1. What was Edwina Currie's position in Government?
 - a. Conservative Junior Health Minister to Margaret Thatcher
 - b. Conservative Health Minister to John Major
 - c. Labour Shadow Health Minister

2. When was penicillin available for doctor's general use?
 - a. 1948
 - b. 1941
 - c. 1935

3. What finally happened to the liner Queen Elizabeth? It was sold for:
 - a. Conversion into a hotel/museum in the USA
 - b. Conversion into a floating university in Hong Kong
 - c. Salvage/scrap in Singapore

4. A lot was made of the arrival of the 'Empire Windrush' from Jamaica but just how many West Indians were on that first ship?
 - a. 792
 - b. 492
 - c. 92

5. How long after theatre censorship was officially abolished was the American musical 'Hair' staged in the West End?
 - a. 1 day
 - b. 2 weeks
 - c. 3 months

6. What was the relationship between Emeline and Christobel Pankhurst?
 - a. Mother & daughter
 - b. Sisters
 - c. Cousins

7. When first and second class mail was introduced how much was it for a normal letter - 1st & 2nd class
 - a. 5d & 4d
 - b. 7d & 5d
 - c. 10d & 8d

8. In the year of ‘three popes’ what was the nationality of the third one?
- a. Italian
 - b. Polish
 - c. Swiss
9. What was the cost of a gallon of petrol in 1938
- a. 8½d (3.5p)
 - b. 1s 2½d (6.0p)
 - c. 1s 10d (8.8p)

Finally: How many characters are needed to write ‘1988’ in Roman Numerals?



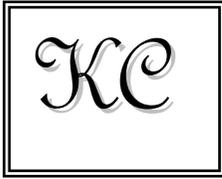
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KENNY'S COLUMN



HELLO! Doesn't time fly. Here we are again! Thanks to those who have sent letters and emails. Firstly thanks to Marlene Williams of Sheppey, Kent who has ancestors with unusual *names*. She has CURRY RAMM born c1851 West Rudham, Norfolk. Then HENDRY RAMM born c1859 Houghton, Norfolk, and

HENRY CHRISTMAS RAMM born c1869 East Rudham, Norfolk.

Next thanks also to Edith Unsworth who emailed me telling me of her Gt Gt Grandmother Mary Binns who being 84 was listed as a 'Retired Beesilles.' This turned out to be 'Beer Seller!' Then she has a Gt Grandfather James Simpson who was a Builder, Commissioner and Harrogate's second Mayor. The third person who contacted me was Roger Broady of Queensland, Australia whose brother is a MNFHS member and who has a Bill Poster, a Fowl Maker, a Fly Proprietor, and a Landsman, Longshoreman. Thanks to you three for your fairly quick responses.

One thing that I want to say to encourage you in your family history research, is don't give up. I have a story that had gone round in my mothers maternal family which said a great uncle of mine, Bert Claxton, had first fathered an illegitimate child – Olive, then had gone into the army, into the Northumberland Fusiliers, sometime after 1901 but before Dec 1906 and had got captured, having fought in WW1 and had somehow ended up in a Swiss hospital, finally marrying his Swiss Nurse. I also knew that after the war he had lived with his wife in Bournemouth, Dorset until he died. I later but much more recently learned that Bert had been in Gottingen POW Camp, and that the family had a letter send from him in Gottingen Camp to his Mother in Bury St Edmunds, SFK. To me this story HAD to be told but it was such a struggle getting from Olive's family the information that they had. They were so genuinely busy. But because I'm like I am, I just didn't give up being rather like a dog with a bone I eventually received an envelope full of information, including a copy of that letter from the POW Camp, 2 more pictures of him while he was in Switzerland and 1 photo of him in Gottingen Camp itself! So if you can't get any further with your research, keep trying, cover all the angles and I'll be surprised if you don't one day strike some sort of gold.

Till next time. Kenny.

HELP WANTED

I hope we can make this a regular feature of the Newsletter. Please send me your questions, perhaps distant members need help from a local member, perhaps a photograph of a village or church, or perhaps even some local knowledge. Please email your questions and replies to me at Familyhis@aol.com or post to me at the address on the back of the Newsletter.

Thank you, Kate.

To start off we have two questions from Sue Harris.

1) My ancestor lived in the house next to Station Villas, Quebec Road, Dereham in 1861. Does anyone know how or why the pair of houses were called Station Villas. It certainly wasn't named after the railway station which was/is the other side of town. What other station could they be named after?

2) My grandmother was living in Gt Yarmouth at the time of WWII and as a result of heavy bomb damage was evacuated to Dereham. Is anyone aware of any documentation that exists about the evacuees who moved to Dereham. Where did they come from, how many were there, how and where were they housed? I understand that Dereham children only went to school half days during this time to enable the children of evacuees to attend the school during the other half of the day so there must have been a considerable number.

and a question from Patricia Taylor from Dartford:

Does anyone have any memories of my great uncle George Dodman, a chimney sweeper of Attleborough Norfolk. He appears in the trade directories for Attleborough 1922 to 1937, address given as Griffin Lane. I believe that his wife's name was Lily, and that he had three daughters, Rose, Ella and Ruth. George was a first cousin of Richard Dodman who traded from the house with the chimney sweeps painted sign on the outside wall in London Road East Dereham.

IRISH ROOTS?

Irish Roots Magazine is available from Irish Roots Media Ltd, Blackrock, Blessington, Co Wicklow Ireland. It will be published in March, June, September and December. Contact them via their website at www.irishrootsmagazine.com.

BRADENHAM ARCHIVE GROUP

On a Sunday at the end of June we had a special day in Bradenham with gardens open and extra displays in St Mary's Church of the Village Archives. The weather was fine and dry (something of a miracle we all felt) and in excess of 100 people called in to the church to peruse photo albums and displays. We had a special section to help people researching their family history, which proved popular.

In preparation for the event I made a visit to the Archive Centre in Norwich hoping to find something new to add to the displays. I decided to look through the Vestry Minutes for West Bradenham and realised after a matter of moments that this had been a bad choice . Just as I was about to hand back the books I realised there were entries upside down at the back. The date November 1848 secured my interest and then I realised I was looking at a list of old people to whom soup was distributed in the village of West Bradenham. This is what was recorded
Ref PD200/29

WEST BRADENHAM VESTRY BOOK NOVEMBER 1848

LIST OF OLD PEOPLE TO WHOM SOUP WAS DISTRIBUTED

28 PINTS A WEEK

Old Women

Buscall
Machin
Brown
Wright

Old Men

Jarvis
Smith
Barker
Roberson

Couples

Lambert
Clark
Bream
Watts
Barkham
Whiting

No mention is given as to where or by whom the soup was prepared or what variety in 1848! Could this have been the earliest Soup Kitchen!

Also entered at the back of this VESTRY BOOK dated 1848 was a list of some parishioners and their Attendance or Non Attendance at St. Andrews Church, West Bradenham!

BUSCALL Mary with Jarvis and Coe single not at church lately, Warned

BROWN George/Emily In the street, not church goes –Warned

BENNETT John /Ann near Wards farm , two boys John and Benjamin . Three daughters two at service, one at Sunday School viz Emily. Parents not

churchgoers. Children alias Wiskers.

BARCKHAM Robert/Elizabeth. Hale crossroad. Seven children Parents church goers. William 20, James 13, Albert 10, Benjamin, Elijah ,Sarah 16, Elizabeth 11

BENNETT James/Harriet. The street. Three children . The eldest Jane promised to Sunday School in Spring. Church goers

BENNETT Robert/Sarah / The street and sister Elizabeth alias blind Betty. Elizabeth 7, Phoebe, William ,John, Edward and blind Bettys illegitimate child George 15 , church goers???

BREAM John/Rose The Street –old people church goers ?

BREAM widow with sons Henry and John, Ivy Cottage, Harriet Bennetts mother. Church goers and Ranters

CANHAM William(Sen'r)/Ann , next house past Whitings. Three children at home. The eldest a handle maker. Girl sickly. Neither parents church goers-warned

William CANHAM jnr. /Mary Ann .By near the direction post one small child>neither church goers – warned

CANHAM George/Sophia, cottage opposite The Hall gate. Three children, James goes to church and Sunday school, Mary Ann promised. Both parents Ranters.

MENDHAM Robert/Susan. Street, Tailor. Two daughters Sarah Ann and Henrietta. Father stops at home. Mother goes to the Ranters

PACKE Robert /Elizabeth . Town House. Six children , Three girls Three boys. Robert Packe 9 years of age is kept at Farmer Youngs bird keeping the whole Sunday. Elizabeth 10 goes to Sunday School as also Susan and Sarah.

SAVAGEWilliam /Sarah. Clay Cottage by Church. Married 1848 promised to be church goers .

SAVAGE Hannah sister to William Savage. Martha another sister.

what had been an unpromising start materialised into something very interesting .and who were these Ranters in the village. Apparently a religious group with radical ideas. Can anyone give more info on these Ranters.

Margaret Bohn Member No 21

WEBSITES YOU MAY FIND USEFUL

Thank you to Sue Vicarage for the websites listed below.

www.collectBritain.co.uk - British Library showcases thousands of items from its collection on this website. Also includes section on English accents and dialects.

www.archiveshub.co.uk - Search nearly 20,000 descriptions of archives held by 160 UK universities and colleges for free.

www.genpals.com - Jewish Monumental Inscriptions can be viewed free. The cemeteries covered so far include 14 in London and one in Hampshire, Oxfordshire, Yorkshire and Hong Kong.

www.weekehistory.co.uk - For the Parish of Weeke in Hampshire

www.a2a.org.uk - Access to Archives across Britain

www.innertemplelibrary.org.uk - The library holds records dating from 1505 with archives relating to the admission, education and call to the bar of member. Searchable database of admissions from 1547 to 1850. Inner Temple is one of the 4 historic Inns of Court in London.

www.glosterg.org.uk/soldiersearch - On line database of over 40,000 officers and men who served with Gloucestershire Regiment during First World War.

www.gravestonephotos.com - Website displays photographs of cemeteries taken by volunteers, as well as indexes of names. Its stated aim is to 'place on line details of all UK gravestones or monuments that are currently legible for people born before 1900'.

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Mr E Mxxxxx, -----, -----, -----,

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Membership No 666

Maloney Bow/Polar LDN 19thc

Brand Romford ESS 19thc

Wood Romford/South Weald ESS 19thc

Mr S Wxxxxx, -----, -----, -----,

-----@-----

Membership No 667

Barrett Tittleshall/Mileham NFK 19thc

Riches Godwick/tittleshall/Melton Constable NFK 19thc

Pxxxx Hxxxxx, -----, -----, -----,

-----@-----

Membership no 678

Stratton Holme

Hale/Shipdham/Pentney/Bradenham/Swaffham

Ward Ashill and Surrounding Parishes NFK to 1850

Mrs M E Sxxxxxx, -----, -----, -----,

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Membership no 679

Girling Ephriham, Elizabeth & Ellen Foulsham NFK 17th-19thc

Starling Elizabeth NFK Any

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

East of London Family History Society Fair

This year the event will be sponsored by Tate and Lyle Golden Syrup who will be attending with a large display of articles and photographs. This is their 125th Anniversary.

Newham Community Heritage will also be attending with their 'East End Working Lives' exhibition

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10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Doncaster & District Family History Society

2009 Family History day
will be held on the 24th October 2009
more details nearer the time

Visiting Norfolk to do some research?

Why not stay at Albert's Cottage in the village of Ashill? Over 200 years old, the character cottage overlooks the village pond. Fully furnished, the cottage has two bedrooms, one with a four poster bed and the choice of storage heaters or a log burning stove.



The inside of the cottage is complimented with a delightful garden and private parking.

Contact Mary or Dennis for details
tel: 01760 723884 or 078796 22458

Email mary@breckfield.freereserve.co.uk

FEEDBACK

1. BURIAL INDEX - Errors In Published List

In the Spring 2008 Newsletter we published a list of the parishes/dates covered by our Burial Index. Keith Howell (Mem No 067) brought a couple of errors to our attention, which prompted a full check, and the discovery that several files had been omitted from the list. We apologise for the errors and hope that they have not caused any inconvenience. The corrections are listed below:

Alderford (omitted)	1726 – 1933
Ashill	1793 – 2006
Great Dunham	1733 – 2007
Morley St Botolph	1537 – 1838
Morley St Peter	1605 – 1838
Necton	1559 – 2006
Wicklewood	1561 – 1886
Welborne	1813 - 1839

2. LOCAL CHARGES FOR COPYING FROM MICROFORM

I've just read your article regarding the report of a trial in the Spring Newsletter (*page 11*). I too have found trial reports which make wonderful reading (I have a highway man who was the grandson of one of my immediate descendants). However I thought I should draw your attention to one small error. It is possible to get prints off any microfilm or fiche at both the NRO and the Forum but the cost is 50 pence per sheet (60p in Suffolk) not 10 pence as you stated. (Photocopies (*from paper*) at the Forum are 10p) In the case of newspaper articles, because columns are usually long and narrow, it is quite often necessary to make several prints to get the full article on paper.

In the Forum this can be done using a slot machine which takes coins, but in the NRO, as no doubt you know, it is necessary to buy a £5 card which when put in the appropriate machine gives you the ability to print 10 pages. The card can be used on subsequent visits if the credit is not fully used.

I trust this information is of some help.

Sue Harris (Mem No 601)

NEWS from the NORFOLK FHS

Since 2006 the Society has spent £20,000 on its Kirby Hall premises at 70 St. Giles Street, Norwich, NR2 1LS. The widened and resurfaced car-park now holds up to twelve vehicles; the windows have been double-glazed; the outside has been painted a light sky blue; and a large sign with NORFOLK FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY has been put up along the side of the building facing the road. So we should be easy to find!

Inside, the upstairs Skipper Room has been made into an open-plan office with modern desks, computers, printers, etc. The Library has been equipped with computers, fiche readers, a new MS6000 digital scanner/reader, and there is Broadband connection to the Internet.

The Collection has grown considerably with hundreds of Parish Register Transcripts and Monumental Inscriptions; thousands of Family Trees and Pedigrees; numerous copies of Wills and related documents with a One Name Index to search; a large local Village information section; and thousands of books, periodicals, magazines.. Plus we run a sizeable Bookstall for new and second-hand items, including our own published material.

Kirby Hall is open Tues. and Thurs. 10am-1pm; Wed. 10am –4pm; and Sunday 10am-1pm. It is staffed by volunteers who do their best to help visitors and it is free to the public. There is a small kitchen where visitors can make refreshments and eat.

The Society has four branches, which hold monthly meetings with outside speakers, at Norwich, Diss, Yarmouth, Kings Lynn, and one in London which meets occasionally at the SoG. There is no charge to attend meetings..

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The Website www.norfolkfhs.org.uk has been revamped and contains greater detail on all of the above. Our email is nfhs@paston.co.uk and the phone number is 01638-763718

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For a search please email me (familyhis@aol.com) or write to me at the address of the back page of the Newsletter.

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