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AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY

1. PROMOTE THE PRACTICE AND STUDY OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE DISTRICT.
2. FOSTER AND KEEP IN CONTACT WITH EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS IN ARCHAEOLOGY.
3. CO-OPERATE WITH NEIGHBOURING SOCIETIES WITH SIMILAR AIMS.
4. ARRANGE GENERAL FIELD-WORK AND VISITS TO SITES.
5. RECORD AND PRESERVE ALL FINDS IN THE DISTRICT AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO ALLOW THEIR FINDS TO BE RECORDED BY THE SOCIETY.
6. ENDEAVOUR TO MAINTAIN IN THE LOCALITY A RIGHT REGARD FOR ENFIELD'S PAST AND THE MATERIAL RELICS THEREOF.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES (SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS)

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| WEDNESDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1965 | MEMBERS NIGHT |
| WEDNESDAY, 28TH JULY, 1965 | MEMBERS NIGHT |
| WEDNESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1965 | MEMBERS NIGHT |
| SUNDAY, 13TH JUNE, 1965 ONWARDS | EXCAVATIONS AT ELSYNGE HALL |

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ARTICLES AND NOTES FOR INCLUSION AND CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE BULLETIN SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MR. G. R. GILLAM, 23 MERTON ROAD, ENFIELD.

EDITORIAL

A MEMBER HAS COMPLAINED THAT OUR MEETINGS ARE TOO FORMAL. THIS IS A PROBLEM LONG RECOGNISED BY YOUR COMMITTEE, FOR ALTHOUGH THE WINTER LECTURES ARE OF NECESSITY FORMAL OCCASIONS IT WAS HOPED THAT THE MEMBERS NIGHT MEETINGS HELD DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS WOULD PROVIDE MORE OF A "CLUB NIGHT" ATMOSPHERE; A SHORT AND INFORMAL TALK FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS SEEMED TO BE THE RIGHT SORT OF APPROACH FOR AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S RELAXED EVENING. LESS SUCCESSFUL ARE THE COACH EXCURSIONS. IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE SOCIETY IT WAS POSSIBLE TO FILL ONE COACH WITH EASE AND ON SOME OCCASIONS TWO COACHES WERE NEEDED. THE SOCIAL SECRETARY NOW HAS DIFFICULTY IN FINDING ENOUGH MEMBERS INTERESTED TO MAKE ONE COACH AN ECONOMIC PROPOSITION; SOME VISITS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH MORE FRIENDS THAN MEMBERS! A PAST FAILURE WAS THE ANNUAL DINNER, DISCONTINUED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT FROM MEMBERS, AS WAS THE SOCIAL EVENING WHICH REPLACED IT.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE SOCIAL LIFE OF AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY IS AS IMPORTANT AS THE LECTURES AND EXCAVATIONS, FOR WITHOUT SOME RELAXATION ARCHAEOLOGY IS TAKEN FAR TOO SERIOUSLY. IT IS VITAL THAT A CORRECT BALANCE IS STRUCK BETWEEN DILETTANTISM AND THE DREADFUL SOLEMNITY WITH WHICH IT IS SO OFTEN TREATED.

WHAT IS WRONG? YOU ELECT THE COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE A PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES, BUT ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS? IF YOU HAVE ANY CRITICISMS, SUGGESTIONS (OR EVEN PRAISE), PLEASE LET THE SECRETARY KNOW.

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THE FIRST MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED NEW HISTORY OF ENFIELD WAS HELD ON 29TH APRIL IN THE TUDOR ROOM, GENTLEMAN'S ROW, BY COURTESY OF MR. G. G. GROVES. REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS LOCAL SOCIETIES AND INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS WERE PRESENT, AND THE ENFIELD LOCAL HISTORY COMMITTEE WAS FORMED. THE AREA TO BE COVERED BY THE HISTORY IS THAT OF BOROUGH 32, THAT IS, ENFIELD, EDMONTON AND SOUTHGATE, AND WILL PROBABLY BE THE FIRST LOCAL HISTORY USING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NEW BOROUGHES.

A START HAS BEEN MADE, AND ABOUT A DOZEN PEOPLE ARE WORKING ON AS MANY SUBJECTS. THREE MEMBERS OF THIS SOCIETY ARE PREPARING PAPERS ON THE PREHISTORIC AND ROMAN PERIODS, TUDOR AND STUART ENFIELD, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT. TWO FURTHER OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE HAVE SINCE BEEN RECEIVED, AS WE HOPE WILL MANY MORE. THE WHOLE PROJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT FUTURE MEMBERS NIGHT MEETINGS.

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IT IS WITH REGRET THAT WE RECORD THE DEATH OF MRS. T. WOOD AND THE RESIGNATION OF DR. W. WOOD AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY. BOTH WERE FOUNDER MEMBERS, AND TOOK A KEEN INTEREST IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY.

ELSYNGE HALL EXCAVATIONS 1965

THIS YEAR'S EXCAVATIONS IN THE GROUNDS OF FORTY HALL WILL START ON 13TH JUNE AND CONTINUE ON SUNDAYS UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER, ALSO THROUGHOUT THE WEEK 22ND-27TH AUGUST.

MEMBERS WISHING TO TAKE PART SHOULD GO DIRECT TO THE SITE AT OR AFTER 10.30 A.M., BRINGING WITH THEM THEIR OWN TROWELS, IF POSSIBLE, AND REPORTING TO ME, OR, IN MY ABSENCE, TO MR. ADAMS.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF NEW MEMBERS, THE SITUATION OF THE SITE IS ROUGHLY EAST OF FORTY HALL IN THE DIRECTION OF MAIDEN'S BRIDGE.

THE SOCIETY HAS A PUBLIC LIABILITY POLICY COVERING US IN THE CASE OF ACCIDENTS TO VISITORS, BUT DIGGERS ARE WARNED THAT THEY ARE NOT COVERED BY THE POLICY. ANY MEMBER WISHING TO TAKE THIS PRECAUTION (AND I STRONGLY RECOMMEND IT) SHOULD EFFECT HIS OR HER OWN PERSONAL INSURANCE. RECENTLY THE C.B.A. ISSUED A SPECIAL NOTICE WARNING PEOPLE TAKING PART IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS THAT THE ACCIDENTS THAT CAN HAPPEN ON A SITE ARE MANY AND VARIED. CERTAINLY IT IS NO PLACE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND NONE SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE SITE. IF, FOR DOMESTIC REASONS, MEMBERS FIND THEY MUST BRING YOUNG CHILDREN WITH THEM, THEN IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE CHILDREN ARE KEPT WELL AWAY FROM THE EXCAVATION.

QUITE APART FROM THE INHERENT DANGERS, ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION IS A SERIOUS SCIENTIFIC OPERATION, AND IT IS NOT A SUITABLE OCCUPATION FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 13-14. IF JUNIOR MEMBERS UNDER THAT AGE PARTICULARLY WANT TO TAKE PART THEY MUST OBTAIN THE DIRECTOR'S PERSONAL PERMISSION. JUNIOR MEMBERS OVER 13 ARE, OF COURSE, VERY WELCOME, AND NEWCOMERS WILL BE GIVEN TRAINING IN TECHNIQUES. THE WEEK'S INTENSIVE DIGGING DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS IN AUGUST IS MAINLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE YOUNGER DIGGERS, AND I HOPE THAT AS MANY AS POSSIBLE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.

THE ELSYNGE HALL EXCAVATION IS NOT A RESCUE DIG. IT WAS STARTED AS A RESEARCH PROJECT, BUT IT IS ALSO RUN, AS FAR AS IS PRACTICABLE, ON THE LINES OF A TRAINING DIG, AND, AS STATED ABOVE, NEW DIGGERS ARE GIVEN PRACTICAL TUITION. HOWEVER, ON A COMPLEX SITE SUCH AS THIS, VERY OFTEN THERE IS SIMPLY NOT THE TIME TO GIVE BASIC INSTRUCTION ON THE SITE, AND FOR THIS REASON THE FIRST OF THIS YEAR'S MEMBERS NIGHTS, THAT ON 23RD JUNE, WILL BE GIVEN UP TO A DISCUSSION ON EXCAVATION TECHNIQUES AND "DO'S AND DON'TS" ON DIGS. ALL MEMBERS INTENDING TO TAKE PART IN THE EXCAVATION, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAVE ONLY RECENTLY JOINED THE SOCIETY, AND JUNIOR MEMBERS, ARE ASKED TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO COME TO THIS MEETING.

IVY W. DRAYTON, DIRECTOR OF EXCAVATION

MEMBERS NIGHTS 1965 MEMBERS NIGHTS THIS YEAR WILL CONTINUE ON THE SAME LINES AS IN 1964, WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES. FRIENDS OF MEMBERS WILL AGAIN BE WELCOME TO THESE MEETINGS, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROOM, IN THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF THE CHURCHYARD, ENFIELD MARKET PLACE, AT 8 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD JUNE

"DO'S AND DON'TS ON AN
ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION"

MISS I. DRAYTON

"ARCHAEOLOGICAL PHOTOGRAPHY,
PREPARING THE SITE"

D. ALSFORD

WE HOPE THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO WILL BE HELPING WITH THE EXCAVATION AT ELSYNGE HALL WILL ATTEND THIS MEETING, SO THAT MISS DRAYTON CAN EXPLAIN WHAT IT IS HOPED TO ACHIEVE THIS YEAR, AND BY DESCRIBING SOME OF THE ERRORS TO BE AVOIDED REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF SUPERVISION NECESSARY ON THE SITE.

MR. ALSFORD WILL BE SHOWING SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE ELSYNGE SITE WHEN HE DESCRIBES HOW A SITE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JULY "ROMAN POTTERY" G. GILLAM
"DRAWING POTTERY"

MR. GILLAM WILL TALK ABOUT ROMAN POTTERY AND ITS VALUE AS DATING EVIDENCE, ILLUSTRATED WITH SPECIMENS FROM THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTION, AND DESCRIBE THE METHODS OF DRAWING POTTERY FOR EVENTUAL PUBLICATION.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH AUGUST "MAPS AND HOW TO READ THEM" R. PEIRCE, A.I.Q.S.,
M.R.S.H.

A KNOWLEDGE OF MAPS AND HOW TO READ THEM IS ESSENTIAL IN ARCHAEOLOGY, AND MR. PEIRCE WILL BE TALKING ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE FINAL MEETING IN THE CURRENT SERIES.

AS AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS, THERE WILL BE A BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS. WE HOPE TO ARRANGE A SMALL DISPLAY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBITS AT EACH OF THESE MEETINGS, AND IF MEMBERS HAVE ANY ITEMS OF INTEREST THEY ARE ASKED TO BRING THEM ALONG.

LECTURES THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANCIENT BUILDINGS, 55 GREAT ORMOND STREET, W.C.1, HAS ARRANGED A SERIES OF ILLUSTRATED LECTURES ON ENGLISH COUNTRY HOUSES, GIVEN BY THEIR OWNERS.

16TH JUNE MARCUS WORSLEY, ON HOVINGHAM HALL, YORKSHIRE.

23RD JUNE THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY, ON HATFIELD HOUSE.

6TH JULY THE EARL OF VERULAM, ON GORHAMBURY, ST. ALBANS.

THESE WILL TAKE PLACE AT OVERSEAS HOUSE, PARK PLACE, ST. JAMES'S STREET, S.W.1 AT 6.15 P.M. RESERVED SEATS ARE 2/6D. FOR MEMBERS OF THE S.P.A.B., 3/6D. FOR NON-MEMBERS: TICKETS OBTAINABLE FROM THE SECRETARY, MRS. M. DANCE, S.P.A.B., 55 GREAT ORMOND STREET, W.C.1. (CHEQUES AND POSTAL ORDERS TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE S.P.A.B.)

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE COPIES OF THE CHURCHFIELD EXCAVATION REPORT ARE STILL AVAILABLE FROM MR. G. R. GILLAM, 23 MERTON ROAD, ENFIELD, PRICE 2/6D. POST FREE. THIS REPORT IS AN ACCOUNT OF THE EXCAVATION OF A ROMANO-BRITISH SITE IN EDMONTON DURING 1951.

ELSYNGE HALL, A SHORT HISTORY MRS. V. GREGORY, WHO HAS BEEN CO-OPTED AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, IS PREPARING A SHORT HISTORY OF ELSYNGE HALL, WHICH WE HOPE TO HAVE AVAILABLE SHORTLY AND ON SALE

AT THE SITE WHILE EXCAVATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS.

REPAIRS AT ELSYNGE HALL. IT HAS NOT SO FAR BEEN POSSIBLE TO FIND MUCH DIRECT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE CONCERNING ELSYNGE HALL, AND WE ARE STILL HOPING FOR A PLAN OR DRAWING. HOWEVER, MISS G. E. PROFIT, B.A. MISS MERCER, THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVIST, SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE WORTH WHILE LOOKING AT TWO PAYBOOKS IN THE BODLEIAN LIBRARY: ONE IS THAT OF JAMES NEDAM, SURVEYOR OF HENRY VIII'S MANORS FROM 1532-43, RECORDING PAYMENTS FOR "REPAYRING OF THE PRYNCES PLACE AT ENDFELDE", 1541/2: THE OTHER IS A PAYBOOK LISTING THE EXPENSES OF PREPARING HOUSES FOR A THREE MONTHS' PROGRESS OF ELIZABETH IN 1568. (REFS. MS.RAWL D.781, FOLS.188-207 AND MS.RAWL A.195C, FOLS. 237-286 RESPECTIVELY).

PHOTOSTATS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED OF A NUMBER OF PAGES FROM BOTH THESE BOOKS, WHICH, IN DETAILING THE WORK OF BRICKLAYERS, CARPENTERS, GLAZIERS AND METAL-WORKERS, DO GIVE SOME INCIDENTAL INFORMATION AS TO THE KIND OF HOUSE ELSYNGE WAS. IT MUST AGAIN BE SAID THAT, OWING TO THE CONFUSION OF NAMES ("ENFIELD HOUSE" AND "ELSYNGE HALL"), THERE STILL REMAINS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE HOUSE REFERRED TO IN THE PAYBOOKS IS NOT IN FACT THE ONE WE ARE EXCAVATING. IF IT IS NOT, THE OTHER POSSIBILITY IS ENFIELD PALACE. THIS SEEMS UNLIKELY, AS IN A DESCRIPTION OF WORK DONE OUTSIDE THE HOUSE THERE IS MENTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR NEW BRIDGES OVER THE RIVER IN THE PARK, WHICH FITS OUR SITE BUT NOT ENFIELD PALACE, WHERE THERE WAS NO RIVER.

IT HAD APPEARED PROBABLE FROM THE EXCAVATION SO FAR DONE THAT ELSYNGE HALL WAS BUILT ROUND A COURTYARD OR COURTYARDS. THIS SEEMS TO BE PROVED BY REFERENCES IN THE HENRY VIII PAYBOOK TO ROOMS IN THE "EAVES COURT" AND A GALLERY IN THE "OUTER COURT". WORK DONE OUTSIDE THE HOUSE AT THIS TIME INCLUDED MENDING THE DRAWBRIDGE AND THE GREAT BRIDGE AT THE PORTER'S WARD, REPAIRS TO THE STABLES, AND PROVIDING THE KING WITH SIXTEEN MOUNTING BLOCKS. THE CARPENTERS ARE RECORDED AS BUILDING A SHED 60 FT. LONG "FOR ROASTING MEAT AT": TRACES OF THIS MAY BE FOUND IF, AS IS THOUGHT, OUR EXCAVATION IS AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE KITCHEN QUARTERS.

GOING INSIDE THE HOUSE, THERE ARE REFERENCES TO FOUR KITCHENS, THE KING'S, PRINCE'S, PRIVY KITCHEN AND HALL KITCHEN, WHERE RANGES AND DRESSERS WERE MADE AND REPAIRED. WORK WAS ALSO DONE IN THE VARIOUS SUBDIVISIONS OF THE DOMESTIC QUARTERS: THE SCULLERY, SCALDING HOUSE, BUTTERY, SPICERY, PULTREY, COOL HOUSE AND RUSH HOUSE ARE MENTIONED. OF THE PUBLIC ROOMS IN THE HOUSE, THE HALL AND GALLERY IN THE OUTER COURT ARE REFERRED TO IN HENRY VIII'S REIGN: THE LIBRARY, GREAT CHAMBER, PRIVY CHAMBER, PARLOUR AND GALLERY IN ELIZABETH'S. OTHER ROOMS ARE IDENTIFIED AS "LODGINGS" OR "CHAMBERS": LODGINGS - NO DOUBT SUITES OF ROOMS - ARE FOR THE MOST PART OCCUPIED BY PERSONS OF HIGHER SOCIAL RANK THAN CHAMBERS. IN 1568 LORD LEICESTER, LORD WARWICK, LORD NORFOLK AND LORD HUNSDON HAVE LODGINGS: IN 1542 THE PRINCESSES MARY AND ELIZABETH. SOME OF THE ROOMS OCCUPIED BY THE KING ARE DETAILED: HIS BEDCHAMBER, ARRAYING CHAMBER, STOOL CHAMBER.

THE WORK DONE BY CARPENTERS, GLAZIERS AND OTHERS IS INTERESTING. THE GLAZIERS WERE BUSY IN BOTH HENRY'S AND ELIZABETH'S REIGNS, PUTTING IN NEW GLASS AND REPAIRING "QUARELLS", THE SQUARE OR DIAMOND SHAPED PIECES OF GLASS IN LATTICE

WINDOWS. THE CARPENTERS MADE TWELVE WAINSCOT WINDOWS IN THE PRINCE'S CHAMBERS, BUT WERE QUITE OFTEN ENGAGED ON MAKING FURNITURE, A PRESS, CUPBOARDS, TRESTLES, FORMS.

IT IS OBVIOUS, EVEN FROM THIS SHORT SELECTION FROM THE PAYBOOKS, THAT ELSYNGE WAS AN ELABORATE HOUSE, AND AT TIMES THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A GREAT MANY PEOPLE IN IT. SOME OF THE PRICES AND WAGES MAY BE OF INTEREST. 3 FT. OF GLASS IN THE KING'S BEDCHAMBER COST 1/3D: A LOCK AND KEY FOR THE HIGH CHAMBERLAIN'S DOOR 8D. CARPENTERS WERE PAID 6D. A DAY, JOINERS 8D., BRICKLAYERS 6D. IN HENRY VIII'S TIME: IN ELIZABETH'S WAGES HAD RISEN AND CARPENTERS RECEIVED 1/- A DAY. SOME OF THE 1568 SHEETS CONTAIN THE SIGNATURES OF HUMFRE LOVELL, MASON, AND JOHN COLBOURNE, CARPENTER, WRITTEN IN A GOOD CLEAR HAND.

IT IS PROPOSED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO VISIT THE BODLEIAN LIBRARY IN ORDER TO EXAMINE THESE PAYBOOKS IN DETAIL. THE FOREGOING IS NO MORE THAN A PRELIMINARY STUDY OF THE INFORMATION TO BE EXTRACTED FROM A DOZEN OR SO PAGES.

HERALDRY IN ENFIELD (PART 2) OTHER SOURCES OF HERALDRY IN ENFIELD ARE POSSIBLY MORE FAMILIAR. IN ENFIELD TOWN ALONE CAN BE SEEN

THE ARMS OF THE EARL OF BEACONSFIELD, THE PRUDENTIAL; THE ROYAL ARMS (OVER THE POST OFFICE), AND THOSE OF VARIOUS BANKS: E.G. BARCLAY'S "DISPLAYED EAGLE" BEARING THREE CROWNS, THE BLUE AND SILVER OF THE WESTMINSTER, AND, JUST RECENTLY, LLOYDS THREE COCKERELS AND BLACK HORSE (INSIDE OVER THE STRONG ROOM DOOR, BUT ALSO TO BE SEEN ON THE FACADE AT WOOD GREEN).

THE OLD GAS BOARD BUILDING IN SYDNEY ROAD BEARS THE ARMS OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER (OWNERS OF THE MANOR), AND IN SOUTHBURY ROAD, PAST THE NEW STATION YARD BUILDINGS, CAN BE FOUND THE METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD'S OFFICE. THIS DELIGHTFUL LITTLE BUILDING BEARS, ABOVE THE ENTRANCE, THE ARMS OF THE M.W.B. - A HAND ISSUING FROM A CLOUD AND SCATTERING SILVER WATER DROPS OVER A GREEN BACKGROUND. SUPPORTERS INCLUDE A RIVER GOD, AND THE MOTTO RUNS: "ET PLUI SUPER UNAM CIVITATEM".

FURTHER AFIELD, THE ARMS OF MYDDELTON, PLANNER OF THE NEW RIVER, ARE TO BE SEEN ON THE PUBLIC HOUSE NEAR BUSH HILL PARK STATION, AND FORTY HALL ITSELF BEARS THE ARMS OF BOWLES (THREE CUPS CHARGED WITH BOARS HEADS) IN BRICK ON THE EAST FACE. THE CREST, A BOAR WOUNDED BY AN ARROW, IS CARVED IN WOOD ON THE GABLE OF THE LODGE, AND THE MAIN STAIRCASE WINDOW HAS, IN STAINED GLASS, THE ARMS OF BOWLES, TREACHER (?) AND MORTIMER, PLUS ONE OTHER AS YET UNIDENTIFIED, YET QUITE POSSIBLY BOWLES, SINCE IT BEARS ON THE SHIELD A BEE AND THREE OWLS, AND HAS AN OWL WITH A BEE ON ITS BREAST FOR A CREST. THE RAYNTON PORTRAIT IN THIS HOUSE BEARS HIS ARMS, AS ON HIS MONUMENT.

THE ARMS OF ELIZABETH I (OR EDWARD VI) ARE CARVED ON THE FIREPLACE IN THE "TUDOR ROOM", ORIGINALLY IN THE OLD PALACE.

HERALDRY AND ENFIELD ARE CLOSELY LINKED, SINCE THE NAME "ENFIELD" IS THE HERALDRIC TERM FOR THE MYTHICAL CREATURE SHOWN ON THE OLD BOROUGH COAT OF ARMS; A FINE REPRESENTATION OF THIS CREATURE IS TO BE SEEN OUTSIDE THE CIVIC OFFICES - A BOLD AND IMAGINATIVE USE OF HERALDIC IDENTIFICATION. IT IS, HOWEVER, SADLY TRUE THAT THE BOROUGH'S COAT OF ARMS CAN AT PRESENT BE DISTINGUISHED MORE CLEARLY

ON THE BOROUGH DUSTCARTS THAN ON THE CIVIC OFFICES THEMSELVES. THE BARBARIC RENDERING OF THE SHIELD CREST AND SUPPORTERS, OVER THE MAIN ENTRANCE, CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS HERALDICALLY LUDICROUS.

HERALDRY IS ALSO REPRESENTED IN ENFIELD IN THE BLAZER BADGES OF OUR SCHOOLS - THE UVEDALE ARMS FOR THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL (ARGENT, A CROSS RECERCELÉ GULES) IS THE BEST EXAMPLE. CAPEL MANOR JUNIOR SCHOOL BADGE INCLUDES A DEVICE TAKEN FOR THE ARMS OF THE CAPEL FAMILY, NOW EARLS OF ESSEX, WHO ONCE HELD THE MANOR.

"INCIDENTAL" HERALDRY INCLUDES THE TRADE SIGN OF REEVE'S PAINTS, WHITBREAD'S WELL KNOWN CREST AND THE BROAD ARROW USED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS (ORIGINALLY THE ARMS OF THE MASTER OF THE ORDNANCE).

IT IS APPARENT FROM EARLIER SOURCES THAT MUCH HERALDRY IN ENFIELD HAS BEEN LOST - FOR EXAMPLE THE ARMS OF NIGHTINGALE, ON THE VANISHED GATEWAY OF RECTORY MANOR, AND OTHER ARMS ON THE GATES OF FOX HALL, FORMERLY IN BAKER STREET. THE STRINGER EAGLES, ONCE AT DURANTS MANOR, HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BEEN REMOVED FROM EAGLE HOUSE, PONDER'S END. OLD LINCOLN HOUSE ONCE CONTAINED MUCH STAINED GLASS, MOSTLY OF THE HOWARD FAMILY. WHAT, ONE IS TEMPTED TO ASK, HAPPENED TO THE HERALDIC GLASS FROM ELSYNGE MANOR, ORDNANCE ROAD, OR THAT COLLECTED BY GOUGH, THE ANTIQUARY AT CLAY HILL?

OTHER EXAMPLES OF HERALDRY MAY BE SEEN IN MANY PLACES; ONE CAN CITE THE EXAMPLES ON ST. PAULS CHURCH, WINCHMORE HILL, NOTICE BOARD. (WITHIN THE CHURCH IS A MEMORIAL TO THE TODD FAMILY). THE CROFT, IN CHURCH HILL, HAS SOME EXAMPLES OF MODERN GLASS IN THE DRAWING ROOM WINDOWS.

THERE IS ALSO MUCH BAD HERALDRY TO BE SEEN. THE MOCK-TUDOR BUILDING CRAZE OF THE 1930S PRODUCED SOME BARBAROUS "MOCK-HERALDRY" IN HALL WINDOWS - THE HOUSES AT THE SOUTHGATE END OF WINCHMORE HILL ROAD, AND THE ODD DEVICES IN CHURCH HILL CAN BE CITED AS TWO EXAMPLES, OUT OF MANY.

HOWEVER, IT CAN BE SEEN, FROM THIS BRIEF SURVEY, THAT THERE IS STILL MUCH FINE HERALDRY ABOUT IN ENFIELD (THE TUDOR ROSE ON THE "KINGS HEAD" SIGN HAS JUST SPRUNG TO MIND), AND IT IS EVIDENT THAT MORE WILL APPEAR IN THE FUTURE, IF THE TREND SET BY THE BANKS IS CONTINUED.

HERALDRY IS A COLOURFUL AND HIGHLY SPECIALISED SUBJECT, STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE, AND EXTENDING IN MANY CURIOUS AND UNSUSPECTED WAYS INTO OUR EVERYDAY LIFE. IT IS OF GREAT INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE TO THE ARTIST, THE GENEALOGIST AND THE LOCAL HISTORIAN, AND IS GRADUALLY RETURNING TO FAVOUR WITH THE ARCHITECT. IT BRIGHTENS UP OUR STREETS AND BUILDINGS, OUR BLAZERS AND DUSTCARTS, OUR MONUMENTS AND OUR PUBS, AND MAKES A REALLY FASCINATING HOBBY.

BOOKS ON HERALDRY ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CENTRAL LIBRARY. "SIMPLE HERALDRY", BY MONCRIEFFE AND POTTINGER, FORMS A SOUND INTRODUCTION TO THE SUBJECT. FOYLE'S HANDBOOK ON HERALDRY IN BRITAIN, BY GEORGE EVANS, IS ALSO PARTICULARLY USEFUL, AND, FOR THE MORE INTERESTED, BOUTELL'S HERALDRY, REVISED BY SCOTT-GILES, IS PERHAPS THE BEST UP-TO-DATE MANUAL.

A FEW NOTES ON THE EARLY HISTORY OF
ST. MICHAELS HOSPITAL, CHASE SIDE
W. L. GATES, B.A.

AT A VESTRY MEETING HELD AT ENFIELD ON
21ST SEPTEMBER, 1719, IT WAS DECIDED THAT
"THERE BE A WORKHOUSE SET UP, BUILT,
HIRED OR ERECTED IN THIS PARISH, FOR

SETTING AT WORK AND MAINTAINING THE POOR, AND THAT THERE SHALL BE THIRTEEN GOVERNORS OR DIRECTORS ANNUALLY CHOSEN IN VESTRY", WHO ARE TO HAVE "THE CHOOSING AND APPOINTING PROPER PERSONS FOR EMPLOYING AND LOOKING AFTER YE SAID POOR". THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY THE AFTERTHOUGHT: "AND IN CASE ANY OF THE SAID THIRTEEN GOVERNORS SHALL HAPPEN TO DIE, SUCH VACANCY TO BE FILLED UP BY THE REMAINDERS FOR THE REST OF THE YEARE."

ON 5TH OCTOBER, THE THIRTEEN GOVERNORS WERE APPOINTED, NAMELY, "GEORGE BOURNE, ESQ., THOMAS SEWELL, ESQ., MR. ABRAHAM ADAMS, MR. WM. BARWELL, MR. JACOB CURTIS, MR. JOHN HILL, MR. WM. PEMBERTON, MR. GEO. CROCKFORD, MR. THOS. MAY, MR. HENRY MAKERIS, JUN., MR. WM. RIDLEY, MR. EDW. HUNSDON AND MR. SAMUEL BRIDGES, SUPERVISORS, GOVERNORS AND DIRECTORS, AND WM. BALLOTT, THEIR AGENT CLERKE AND ASSISTANT".

MR. BALLOTT HAD "TAKEN AND ACCEPTED OF A LEASE OF A CERTAIN HOUSE, BARNE, ORCHARD AND LANDS" BELONGING TO MRS. MARY AND MRS. ELIZABETH SNAGG, FOR SEVEN YEARS CERTAIN, AND TWENTY-ONE IF REQUIRED, AT AN ANNUAL RENT OF £15, FOR USE AS A WORKHOUSE.

THESE PREMISES WERE SITUATED ON CHASE SIDE, APPARENTLY WHERE ST. MICHAELS HOSPITAL STANDS NOW.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS LATER, ON 16TH MARCH, 1739-40, MR. ROBERT CALTOCK, THEN AGENT, CARRIED THROUGH THE ENTIRE PURCHASE OF THESE PREMISES FOR £200. THIS AMOUNT WAS LOANED (AT 4% INTEREST) BY MR. PETTYWARD, AND REPAYMENT WAS MADE BY SELLING OFF TIMBER ON THE PARISH ESTATE OF POYNETTS, AT BENFLEET, ESSEX, AND BY INCREASING THE POOR RATE FOR 1740.

SOME IDEA OF THE EXTENT AND NATURE OF THE PREMISES CAN BE GAINED FROM A BILL OF REPAIRS AT THE WORKHOUSE FOR 13TH AUGUST, 1757. THIS INCLUDES REPAIRS TO "THE BREWHOUSE CHIMLEY, PANTYLING OVER THE WASH-HOUSE, MENDING PAVING IN THE SELLOR, UNDERPINNING IN THE STABLE, BRICKWORK IN THE BARN AND STABLE, LATHING AND PLASTERING THE PARTITION IN THE MEN'S ROOM AND OATHER JOBBs." ALSO, "WHITEWASHING THE WORKSHOP".

INVENTORIES WERE MADE FROM TIME TO TIME. ONE DATED 15TH MARCH, 1773, GIVES THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT: "LITTLE SOUTH ROOM, WOMENS ROOM, ROOM ADJOINING, LITTLE ROOM ADJOINING PASSAGE, LITTLE ROOM ON THE STAIRS, LEFT-HAND ROOM, MEN'S LITTLE ROOM, MEN'S ROOM ADJOINING, PANTRY, LITTLE PARLOUR, GREAT PARLOUR (COMMON ROOM), HALL, PORCH, LITTLE ROOM, KITCHEN, BREW-HOUSE, BAKEHOUSE, CELLAR AND PASSAGE." MENTION IS ALSO MADE OF: "LUMBER-ROOM IN YARD, ROOM ADJOINING, ROOM BELOW, BARN, WORKSHOPS, STABLE, COWHOUSE, YARD." ALSO, "IN THE MADHOUSE, 2 WOODEN BEDSTEDS, 2 LOCKS AND KEYS, 4 BOLTS."

AT A LATER APPRAISAL AND INVENTORY IN 1784, THE CONTENTS OF THE WORKHOUSE INCLUDED "AN 8-DAY CLOCK, IN AN INLAID CASE BY LECOMT, "DEATH AND THE MISER" AND TEN OTHER PRINTS, FRAMED AND GLAZED, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, AND THE MADHOUSE WAS REFERRED TO AS THE "INSANE WARD." (THE APPRAISORS' DINNER AT THE "KINGS HEAD" ON 3RD JANUARY, 1784, CAME TO £1.16. 8.).

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT EXTENSIVE ADDITIONS HAD BEEN MADE AT THIS TIME, FOLLOWING A RESOLUTION OF THE VESTRY OF 28TH FEBRUARY, 1778, TO MAKE THE WORKHOUSE "MORE COMMODIOUS" FOR THE RECEPTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE POOR.

AN INVENTORY OF 2ND NOVEMBER, 1788, MENTIONS THE "NEW BUILDINGS" AS WELL AS THE OLD HOUSE, STABLES, WORKSHOP, POSTHOUSE, AND OLD SCHOOLROOM (CONTAINING "24 SPINNING WHEELS"), AND GIVES A HIGHLY DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EVERY ITEM ON THE PREMISES, CONCLUDING WITH "ONE CROSS-CUT SAW, ONE HAND-SAW, AND A WATER POT, BURN'S 'JUSTICE' IN 4 VOLUMES."

AFTER OVER A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO THE PARISH, THE OLD WORKHOUSE WAS PULLED DOWN IN 1827, AND ENTIRELY REBUILT AT A COST OF £3,624.

THE POOR LAW AMENDMENT ACT OF 1834 LED TO THE FORMATION OF THE EDMONTON POOR LAW UNION, COMPRISING THE PARISHES OF CHESHUNT, EDMONTON, HORNSEY, SOUTHGATE, TOTTENHAM, WALTHAM ABBEY, WOOD GREEN AND ENFIELD. THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE POOR LAW WAS CARRIED OUT BY A BOARD OF GUARDIANS, AND THE PARISH WORKHOUSE WAS LET TO THIS AUTHORITY AT A RENT OF £140 PER ANNUM.

IN 1837, A LARGE NEW WORKHOUSE WAS SET UP AT EDMONTON, AND THE ENFIELD ESTABLISHMENT WAS CONVERTED INTO A SCHOOL FOR THE UNION. IN 1855, AN INFIRMARY WAS ADDED NEAR THE SCHOOL FOR 40 CHILDREN, AND IN 1883 A LARGER SCHOOL WAS ERECTED AT CHASE FARM ON THE RIDGEWAY, AT A COST OF £8,700.

IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE PRESENT SUBSTANTIAL BUILDINGS, IN TYPICAL WORKHOUSE FORM, AT ST. MICHAELS, ARE THE RESULT OF THE REBUILDING OF 1827, AND THE ADDITION OF 1855. THE OLD UNION SCHOOL AT CHASE FARM IS NOW, OF COURSE, CHASE FARM HOSPITAL, AND THE WORKHOUSE AT EDMONTON HAS UNDERGONE A SIMILAR CHANGE OF PURPOSE.