



Elham
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Chairman's Message

I was preparing my talk on 'The Vicars of Elham and their Curates' when the news came through that Jonathan Russell's cancer had recurred, and he died in January. Jonathan, our Vicar from 1995 to 2008, was an exceptional priest and an exceptional person, and I was pleased to dedicate my talk to his memory. We were extremely lucky to have him and Monica as part of our community.



In this photo, taken at his retirement party in September 2008, Jonathan is with Alan Burroughs, who had come back from Oxfordshire to be there. Alan was a U.R.C. minister but worshipped at St Mary's, and helped by occasionally taking to the pulpit. I am pleased to report that he still gets round the golf course most weeks at the age of ninety, I was lucky that he and Liz were my next-door neighbours for twenty years.

D.M.B.



NOTIFICATION of the 13th EHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
21st April 2023 7:00pm for a 7:30 start.

During the evening you will hear the Chairman's Report, the Treasurer's Report, details of projects worked on over the past year and advance notice of forthcoming events.

We will need to receive any nominations for the EHS Committee 14 days before the AGM – 7th April. Nominations will be for the following positions:

Chairman - Vice Chairman - Treasurer & Secretary

If you have a nomination please forward it to the EHS Secretary at elhamhistorical@outlook.com

Nominations and Voting for the Committee will be by active Members only. You can renew your membership on the night or before. Fees can be paid by Standing Order or bank transfer (Sort code: 523023. Account No: 34762434 Reference: surname – initials -) or by cash or cheque made payable to EHS, delivered to the Membership Secretary at Cherry Cottage, New Road, Elham, Canterbury, Kent. CT4 6TQ Membership is for 12 months starting 1st April. £10 Single and £20 Family.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 24th February 2023 - "Making Do Without" Judith Knight

Friday 17th March 2023 - "The Swinging 60s" John Buss

Friday 21st April 2023 - EHS AGM

May 2023 - To Be Confirmed

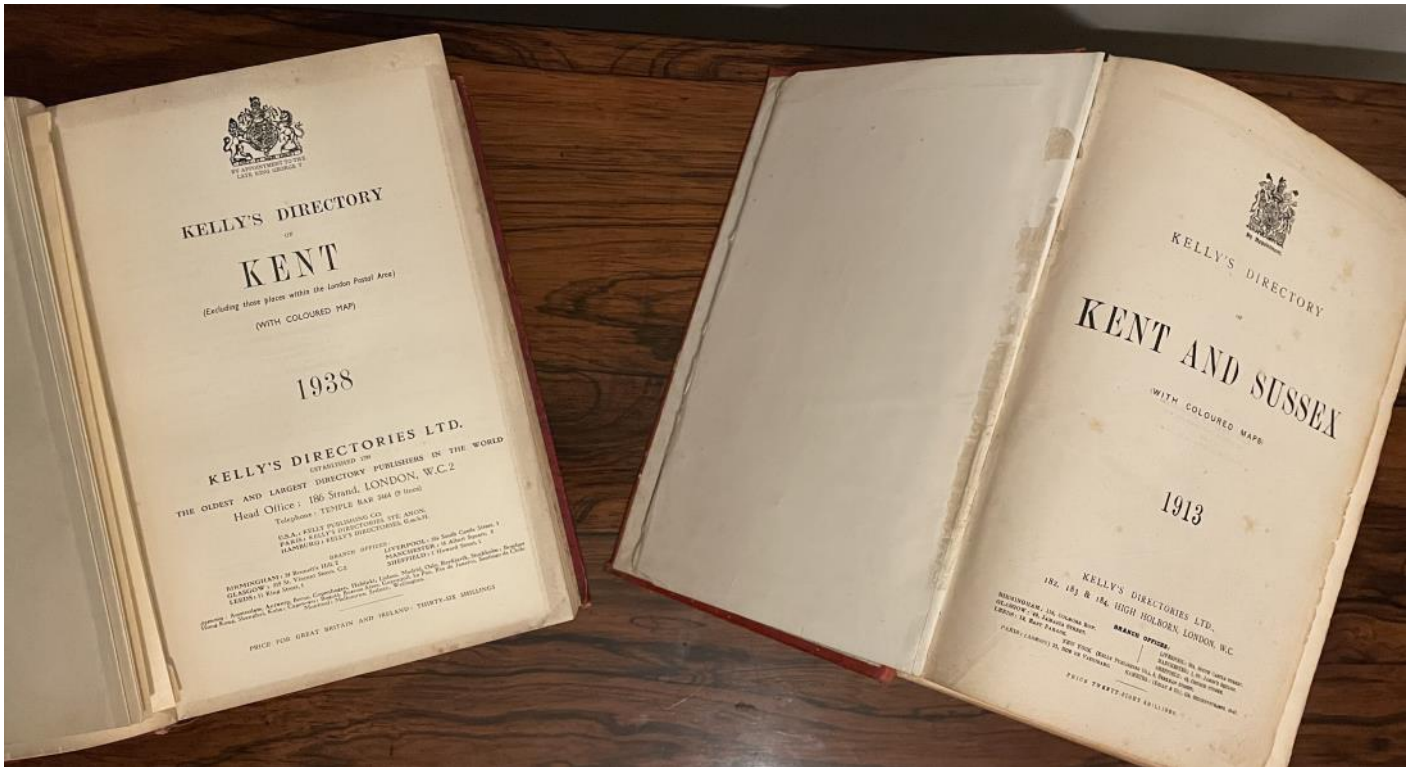
Friday 9th June 2023 - "The Queen's Equerry" Dan Rex

Unless otherwise stated all events are at 7.00 pm for a 7.30pm start in Elham Village Hall

Admission costs: EHS Members £3 Non Members £5
(There is also a Non EHS Member charge for external visits)

Space at Elham Village Hall may be restricted so please arrive early.

The EHS have recently been loaned two volumes of these wonderful directories.



The sections for Elham have been scanned for inclusion in this edition of the newsletter. We also hope to input the data into the EHS Database.

The Kelly's Directory (or more formally, the Kelly's, Post Office and Harrod & Co Directory) was a trade directory in England that listed all businesses and tradespeople in a particular city or town, as well as a general directory of postal addresses of local gentry, landowners, charities, and other facilities. These directories are now an important source for historical research.

The eponymous originator of the directory was Frederick Festus Kelly. In 1835/6 he became chief inspector of letter-carriers for the inland or general post office, and took over publication of the Post Office London Directory, whose copyright was in private hands despite its semi-official association with the post office, and which Kelly had to purchase from the widow of his predecessor.

In 1897, Kelly & Co Ltd became Kelly's Directories Ltd. This name stuck for another 106 years before being renamed Kellysearch in 2003 to reflect its focus away from hard copy directories and towards an Internet-based product search engine. (*1)

We hope you enjoy having a look at the village of Elham all those years ago.

(*1) Information source https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kelly%27s_Directory

Kelly's Directory for 1913 part 1

ELHAM is a large parish and ancient town and head of a union and petty sessional division, on a feeder of the Stour, with a station on the Elham Valley section of the South Eastern and Chatham railway, 70 miles from London, 8 north-west from Folkestone, and 12 from Canterbury, in the Eastern division of the county, Lodingborough hundred, lathe of Shepway, Hythe county court district, rural deanery of Elham and arch-deaconry of Canterbury; it extends from north to south about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles, from north-west to south-east $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and has within its boundary ten manors, namely: Elham, Oxroad, Boyke, Ladwood, Mount and Bladbean, Shuttlesfield, Canterwood, Clavertigh and Hall. The town stands in the valley, on the west side of the Nailbourn stream. The church of St. Mary, built about A.D. 1200, is of Kentish rag with flint facings, in the Transition-Norman style, with later additions, and has a tower, with spire, containing a clock and 8 bells: there are 250 sittings. The register dates from the year 1566. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £250, with residence, in the gift of the Warden and Fellows of Merton College, Oxford, on the nomination of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and held since 1900 by the Rev. Alard Charles de Bourbel B.D. of Merton College, Oxford. Here is a Wesleyan chapel, built in 1839, and one for United Methodists. A cemetery of one acre was given by F. A. Mackinnon esq. in 1909: it is under the control of the Parish Council. In 1809, Lee Warley D.D. of Canterbury, presented a valuable library of 800 volumes, to be deposited in the church for the use of the parishioners, and this is still maintained. The town had formerly a market, granted in his father's lifetime, to Prince Edward, afterwards King Edward I. to be held weekly on Mondays. A charity of £2 12s. derived from a bequest of £50 by Archdeacon Jonas Warley D.D. of Elham, in 1719, is distributed weekly in bread to 6 poor widows, and an annual sum of 20s. from the poor's land, is distributed yearly by the Parish Council in clothes and coals. The Working Men's Institute, erected on land given by the Rev. W. Wodehouse M.A. vicar 1876-1900, is governed by the Canterbury Diocesan Church Trust. In a house in the High street is a curious old mantelpiece, elaborately carved and painted. The kennels of the East Kent Foxhounds are situated here; H. W. Selby-Lowndes esq. of Lyminge, is master; the pack hunts four times a week. Dover and Folkestone are convenient places for hunting visitors. The soil is chalk and clay; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley, with roots in rotation. The area is 6,599 acres; rateable value, £6,340; the population in 1911 was 1,201.

Parish Clerk, George R. Thornton.

Post & M. O. Office.—Edward Smith, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Canterbury at 7.10 a.m. & 3.50 p.m.; dispatched at 10.5 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.; sundays, arrive at 7.10 a.m.; dispatched at 12.50 a.m. Telegraph office at Elham station (sunday at train times)

ELHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The parishes in the District are the same as the Union except Cheriton, Folkestone, Hythe & Sandgate.

Council meets at the Workhouse, Lyminge, on every fourth thursday at 12.30 p.m.

Chairman, Archibald Stoakes Jones J.P. Belmont, Stanford, Hythe

Officials.

Clerk, Bernard C. Drake, High street, Hythe
Treasurer, Frank Scarborough, National Provincial Bank, Folkestone

Medical Officer of Health, M. K. Robinson M.D. Erlang., M.R.C.S.Eng. Sea View, Priory hill, Dover

Surveyor, A. Hambrook, Lyminge

Building Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector, Robert H. Langhorn, Lyminge

ELHAM UNION.

Board day, alternate thurs. 10 a.m. at the Workhouse, Lyminge.

The Union comprises the following parishes:—Acrise, Cheriton, Elham, Elmsted, Folkestone, Folkestone-next-Sandgate, Hawkinge, Hythe (St. Leonard), Lyminge, Lympne, Monks-Horton, Newington, Paddlesworth, Postling, Saltwood, Sandgate, Sellinge, Stanford, Stelling, Stelling Minnis, Stowting & Swingfield.

The population of the union in 1911 was 57,274; area, 43,676 acres; rateable value, Lady day, 1913, £409,616

Chairman of the Board of Guardians, Archibald Stoakes Jones J.P. Belmont, Stanford, Hythe

Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee, Edgar Lovick, 29 Bouverie square, Folkestone

Assistant Clerk to the Guardians, John Moss, 29 Bouverie square, Folkestone

Treasurer, Frank Scarborough, National Provincial Bank, Folkestone

Collector to the Guardians, George Cookson, Lyminge

Vaccination Officers, 1st district, William Hy. Wilkins, 11 Bournemouth gardens, Folkestone; 2nd district, Charles Eccles, Seabrook road, Hythe; 3rd district, George Cookson, Lyminge

Relieving Officers, 1st district, Harry H. Hemsley, 9 St. Michael's street, Folkestone; 2nd & 3rd districts, George Cookson, Lyminge

Medical Officers & Public Vaccinators, Cheriton district, Alfred Joseph Gore M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond. 2 Cherry Garden avenue, Folkestone; Elham district, John Jamieson Wallace M.D., L.R.C.P. & S.Edin., L.F.P.S. Glas., D.P.H.Dub. Lyminge; Folkestone district, Wm. Peard Barrett M.R.C.S.Eng. 35 Cheriton gardens, Folkestone; Hythe district, Clifford Hackney M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond. Hythe; Sandgate district, John Cecil Openshaw Bradbury M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond. Sandgate; Sellinge district, Joseph Marcus Garman M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond. Brabourne

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The Workhouse, Etching hill, Lyminge, a structure of red brick, was built in 1840, & will hold 346 inmates, & has since been greatly enlarged, by the addition of infirmary wards, a new chapel & other buildings; Rev. Frederick Tapply, chaplain; John Jamieson Wallace L.R.C.P. & S.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glas., D.P.H. Dub. medical officer; Charles John Hillidge, master; Mrs. M. Hillidge, matron

Cottage Homes at Cheriton, Bernard Joseph Potter, supt.; John Jamieson Wallace L.R.C.P. & S.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glas., D.P.H.Dub. medical officer; Mrs. Alice Prince Potter, matron

ELHAM REGISTRATION DISTRICT.

Superintendent Registrar, Edgar Lovick, 29 Bouverie square, Folkestone; deputy, Arthur Cox, 8a, Cheriton gardens, Folkestone

Registrars of Births & Deaths, Folkestone sub-district, John Andrew, 11 Church street, Folkestone; deputy, Charles Rootes, 11 Church street; Elham sub-district, George Cookson, Lyminge; deputy, Robert H. Langhorn, Lyminge; Hythe sub-district, Charles Eccles, Seabrook road, Hythe; deputy, Miss Cissie Eccles, Seabrook road, Hythe

(Marked thus * receive their letters through Folkestone; marked thus † through Stelling, Canterbury.)

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Aitcheson Mrs. The Sycamores
Ames Harold, The Knoll
Andrews Frederick William D. C. North Elham
Bishop Mrs
Bourne Mrs. The Manor house
Collins Mrs. The Beeches
Crossley Edwd. Rhodes, Spruce lawn
Day Mrs
de Bourbel Rev. Alard Charles B.D. Vicarage
de la Belinaye Madame, Ottinge
File Mrs. Rosemont
Fish William John, Rhodes Minnis
Garraway James, Sunnyside
Gerrard Miss, Mount villa
Henderson Frederick William
Henry Martin, Elmsfield
Jacob Rev. T. C. (United Methodist)
Pearce Harry, Parkgate
Pell Miss, Malahide
Steele Miss, Orchard villa
Sutton Mrs. North Elham
Treharne Gwylym Thos. Acrise manr
Weston Mrs. Hillcroft

COMMERCIAL.

Early closing day, Wednesday.
Ames George, builder
Ames Harold, jun. assistant overseer, rate collector & clerk to the Parish Council
Athow Richard, hurdle maker
Beale Walter, tailor
Bowes Samuel, farmer

Registrar of Marriages, John Andrew, 11 Church street, Folkestone; deputy, Charles Rootes, 11 Church st. Folkestone

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

(For Elham Rural & Cheriton, Hythe & Sandgate Urban Districts.)

Meets at the Workhouse, Lyminge, on every 4th thursday at 1.30 p.m.

Clerk, William J. Spicer, 19 Bank street, Ashford
Attendance Officer, W. W. Guenée, Seabrook, Hythe
Public Elementary School, built in 1844, for 90 children, & enlarged in 1871; the school will hold 74 boys, 110 girls & infants; average attendance, 56 boys & 87 girls & infants; Herbert John Wilcox, master; Miss C. Tucker, mistress

There is a charity, founded & endowed here by the will, in 1723, of Sir John Williams kt. of Elham, for the religious & other education, clothing & apprenticing of not more than 6 poor boys of the parish; school-room & residence of master (Ed. Bush), The Square Railway Station, William B. Gaymer, station master
Carrier.—Frederick Palmer, from his own house to Canterbury, sat. at 10 a.m. returning same day

Broadbridge Emily (Mrs.), confectioner
Burch Edward J. farmer

*Burvill George, grazier, Milldown Cemetery (Harold Ames, jun. clerk to the Burial Authority)

Castle Albert, tailor

Clayson Frank, Rose & Crown hotel

Clayson Thomas, hurdle maker

Clayson William, agent for the Prudential Assurance Co. Limited

Clemoes Chas. N. farmer, Wingmore

Cole George William, blacksmith

Coltham George Walter, farmer

Cullen George, farmer

Dodd William, farmer, Bake's hole

File Ernest, farmer, Ottinge

File Leo John, grocer

Finn Edwin & Sons Ltd. brewers; & at Lydd

Fox George, farmer, Bunker's hill

Fox John, farmer, Dreals

Fox William, farmer, Bladbin

†Gammon John, farmer, Bladbin

Gammon Brothers, farmers, Ottinge

Gardner & Co. Ltd. brewers, The Row

Gatehouse Edwin, harness maker

Gilbert William Fredk. farmr. Ottinge

*Godden Francis, farmer, Winterage

Goldup John. The Palm Tree P.H.

Hayward Walter, miller (wind)

Henderson Frederick Wm. L.R.C.P.

& L.R.C.S. & L.M.I. surgeon, &

medical officer & public vaccinator,

No. 5 district, Bridge union

Hewson Thomas Bourne, baker

Hogben Albert, farmer, Standard hill

*Hogben Frdk. Geo. farmer, Wick fm

†Horn Jn. farmer, Wheelbarrow town

Hubble Lewis, grocer

†Keeler John, farmer, Wildage farm

King Bros. poultry frmrs. Grove ho

May James, farmer, Mounts court

(letters through Acrise, Folkestone)

*May William, farmer, Winterage

Miles Ernest Swinford, farmer

Mills Edward Robert, New inn

Mount George, beer retailer

Myers Capt. Alfred E. C. farmer,

Jacques court

Palmer Frederick, farmer, Exted &

Mount farms

Palmer Geo. farmer, North Elham

Palmer William, builder

†Parker Chas. farmer, Souledge farm

Pilcher William, farmer, Ottinge

Pitcher Geo. Dixon, King's Arms P.H.

Prebble Thos. carpnr. Rhodes Minnis

Rigden Maria (Miss), carrier

Rootes Joseph, farmer, North Elham

Sheaff Edward Geo. poultry farmer

Sheppard Cecily (Miss), dress maker

Smith Edward, stationer, Post office

Smith Frederick, shoe maker

Smith William, watch maker

Smith William Mortley, butcher

Sutton Percy, farmer

Swain Thomas, baker

Tucker Mark, farmer, Water farm

Welch Lavinia (Mrs.), shopkeeper

West Charles, butcher

Whitnall John Edward, plumber

Williams Arthur Wheeler, hair drssr

Working Men's Institute (W. Smith,

sec)

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ELHAM is a large parish and ancient town and gives its name to a rural district and petty sessional division, on a feeder of the Stour, with a station on the Elham Valley section of the Southern railway, 70 miles from London, 8½ north-west from Folkestone, and 11½ from Canterbury, in the Canterbury division of the county, hundred of Lodingborough, lathe of Shepway, county court district of Hythe, rural deanery of Elham and archdeaconry and diocese of Canterbury; it extends from north to south about 4½ miles, from north-west to south-east 5½ miles, and has within its boundary ten manors, namely: Elham, Oxroad, Boyke, Ladwood, Mount and Bladbean, Shuttlesfield, Canterwood, Claver-tigh and Hall. The town stands in the valley, on the west side of the Nailbourn stream. Electricity is available. Water is supplied by the Elham Valley Water Co. Ltd. The church of St. Mary, built about A.D. 1200, is of Kentish rag with flint facings, in the Transition-Norman style, with later additions, and has a tower, with spire, containing a clock and 8 bells: there are 250 sittings. The register dates from the year 1566. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £527, with residence, in the gift of the Warden and Fellows of Merton College, Oxford, on the nomination of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and held since 1935 by the Rev. Robert Henry Isaac Williams M.A. of Merton College, Oxford. There is a Methodist church, which was built in 1839. In the village is a short slender column of Chilmark stone, surmounted by a crucifix, erected as a memorial to the men connected with the parish who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-18. A cemetery of one acre was given by F. A. Mackinnon esq. in 1909, and a further acre by the Rev. de Bourbel in 1931: it is under the control of the Parish Council. In 1899, Lee Warley D.D. of Canterbury, presented a valuable library of 800 volumes, 300 of which are now deposited for safety's sake in the Howley-Harrison library, Canterbury Cathedral; the remainder are kept in the church for the use of the parishioners. The town had formerly a market, granted in his father's lifetime to Prince Edward, afterwards King Edward I to be held weekly on Mondays. A charity, now amounting to £4 4s. 11d. derived from a bequest of £50 by Archdeacon Jonas Warley D.D. of Elham, in 1719, is distributed weekly in bread to 6 poor widows, and an annual sum of 20s. from the poor's land is distributed yearly by the Parish Council among poor widows. The Sir John Williams school charity, of an annual value of under £50, gives extra education, clothing and apprenticeship to about three boys annually. Miss Mary Young's gift, value £12. 10s. 8d. (Nov. 1929), to poor communicants of Elham is at the discretion of the vicar. A hall, erected on land given by the Rev. W. Wodehouse M.A. vicar 1876-1900, is governed by the Canterbury Diocesan Church Trust and is now in the occupation of Elham Church of England Fellowship. In a house in the High street is a curious old mantelpiece, elaborately carved

and painted. The kennels of the East Kent Foxhounds are in this parish; Maj. Norman Nutt, master; the pack comprises 50 couples of foxhounds, and hunts Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and occasional bye-day; Canterbury, Folkestone and Dover are convenient centres; Elham is the nearest railway station to the kennels. Henbury is the property and residence of George H. Parker esq. The principal landowners are Mrs. Stevens, Martin Constant esq. Capt. Thomas L. Wall M.C. and L. R. Carr esq. The soil is chalk and clay; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley, with roots in rotation. The area is 6,598 acres; the population in 1931 was 1,277.

Post, M. O. & T. Office. Letters through Canterbury

ELHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The parishes in the District are Acrise, Elham, Elmsted, Hawkinge, Lyminge, Lympe, Monks-Horton, Newington, Paddlesworth, Postling, Saltwood, Sel-lindge, Stanford, Stelling, Stelling Minnis, Stowting & Swingfield. The area is 36,676 acres; the population in 1931 was 8,751

Council meets at the Council offices, Lyminge, every fourth wednesday.

Chairman, J. Cross J.P. Paddlesworth court, Folkestone

Officials.

Clerk, Douglas Stewart Harrison, Council offices, Lyminge

Treasurers, National Provincial Bank Ltd. Folkestone

Medical Officer of Health, D. Macdougall M.D., D.P.H.

Camb. Rayasbank chambers, Ashford

Surveyor, L. G. Cathrall

Sanitary Inspector, G. N. Newport, Lyminge

ELHAM REGISTRATION DISTRICT.

Superintendent Registrar, Edward F. Webb, 29 Bouverie square, Folkestone; deputy superintendent registrar, William E. Allison, 29 Bouverie square, Folkestone

Registrars of Births & Deaths, Folkestone sub-district,

Geo. J. Chadwick, 11 Church st. Folkestone; deputy,

Francis W. Castleton, 11 Church st. Folkestone;

Elham sub-district, Douglas Stewart Ryeland,

Lyminge; deputy, D. Harrison, Lyminge; Hythe sub-

district, Mrs. Cecilia E. Hurle, Seabrooke road,

Hythe; deputy, A. J. Smith, Hythe

Registrar of Marriages, Charles Rootes, 27 Cheriton

gardens, Folkestone

Railway Station

Conveyance.—The East Kent Road Car Co. Ltd. motor omnibuses between Folkestone Harbour and Canterbury pass through here several times daily

Carrier.—Frederick Harold Chant, to Canterbury, by Express Delivery

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PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

(For T N's see general list of Private Residents at end of book.)

Allison Robert Reid, Elmsfield, Ottinge

Andrews Frederick William D. C. North Elham

Biron Mrs. The Cottage

Bourne Mrs. The Manor house

Carr L. R. Jacques court

Coates Rev. Alfred Lloyd M.A. The Highlands

Constant Martin, Lower court

Crawford Frederick Leslie, Redgate

Gammidge Mrs. F. Robin Hood cott

Garroway Miss, Francesca

*Hutchence Ernest J. Elham's end

Older Sydney, Spruce Lawn

Oldfield Henry, Tudor cottage, Ottinge

Parker George H. Henbury

Rice Mrs. The Sycamores

Sample Edmund F. Lyngarth

Solly Edwd. H. Lea Orchard, Ottinge

Stevens Mrs. Parkgate

Twomey Timothy, Villa Nova

Wainwright Mrs. Rhodes Minnis

Wall Capt. Thomas L., M.C. The Stud farm

Weedon Rev. John (Methodist), The Manse

Wilcox Herbert John, Longacre

Williams Rev. Robert Henry Isaac

M.A. (vicar), Vicarage

Williams H. J. The Triangle

COMMERCIAL.

Early closing day, Wednesday.

Ames Brothers, builders, house decorators & plumbers. T N 239

*Bailey Jas. farmer, Winterage

Baker Geo. P. blacksmith

Boughton Geo. & Son, bldrs. T N 228

*Burvill Geo. grazier, Milldown

Camburn Allan, baker

Campbell Nigel S., L.D.S.R.C.S.Eng. dental surgn. Villa Nova. T N 213

Castle Albert, tailor

Cemetery (L. Thompson, clerk to the Burial Authority)

Chalmers B. farmer, Dreal's farm. T N 210

Chant Frederick Harold, carrier

*Clayson Wm. farmer, Little Shuttlefield farm (postal address, Acrise, Folkestone)

Cook Horace Hy. baker, The Square

Crouch Fredk. farmer, Mount farm

Cullen Herbt. Geo. farmer, Lower Mount

Dominy R. J. greengro. High st

Dykes Kingsley, farmer, Ottinge ct.

T N Lyminge 87118

Elham Church of England Fellow-

ship (Frank Verney, sec)

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KENT.

[KELLY'S

Elham Ex-Service Men's Club
(Geo. Edwd. Butcher, hon. sec)
Elham Service Garage Ltd. T N 251
Friend Harry, farmer, Cullings farm
Gammon Bros. farmers, Ottinge.
T N Lyminge 87212
Goatman Thos. W. cycle agt
*Goddan Fras.(Mrs.), frmr.Winterage
Goldup Chas. farmer, Mill Hill frm
Hubble & Son, grocers. T N 238
Keeler Jas. Knight, farmer, Hill ho
King's Arms P.H. (Leo Jn. File)
Lloyds Bank Ltd. (sub-agency to
Folkestone) (A. B. Sutton, mngr.)
(open tues. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; fri.
12.30 to 3 p.m.); head office, 71
Lombard st. London E C 3
Lyngarth Poultry Farm, Lyngarth
Mansfield Geo. farmer, Bunker's hill
Mitcheson Victor S., M.R.C.S.Eng.,
L.R.C.P.Lond. physcn. & surgn.
(attends mon. tues. & fri)

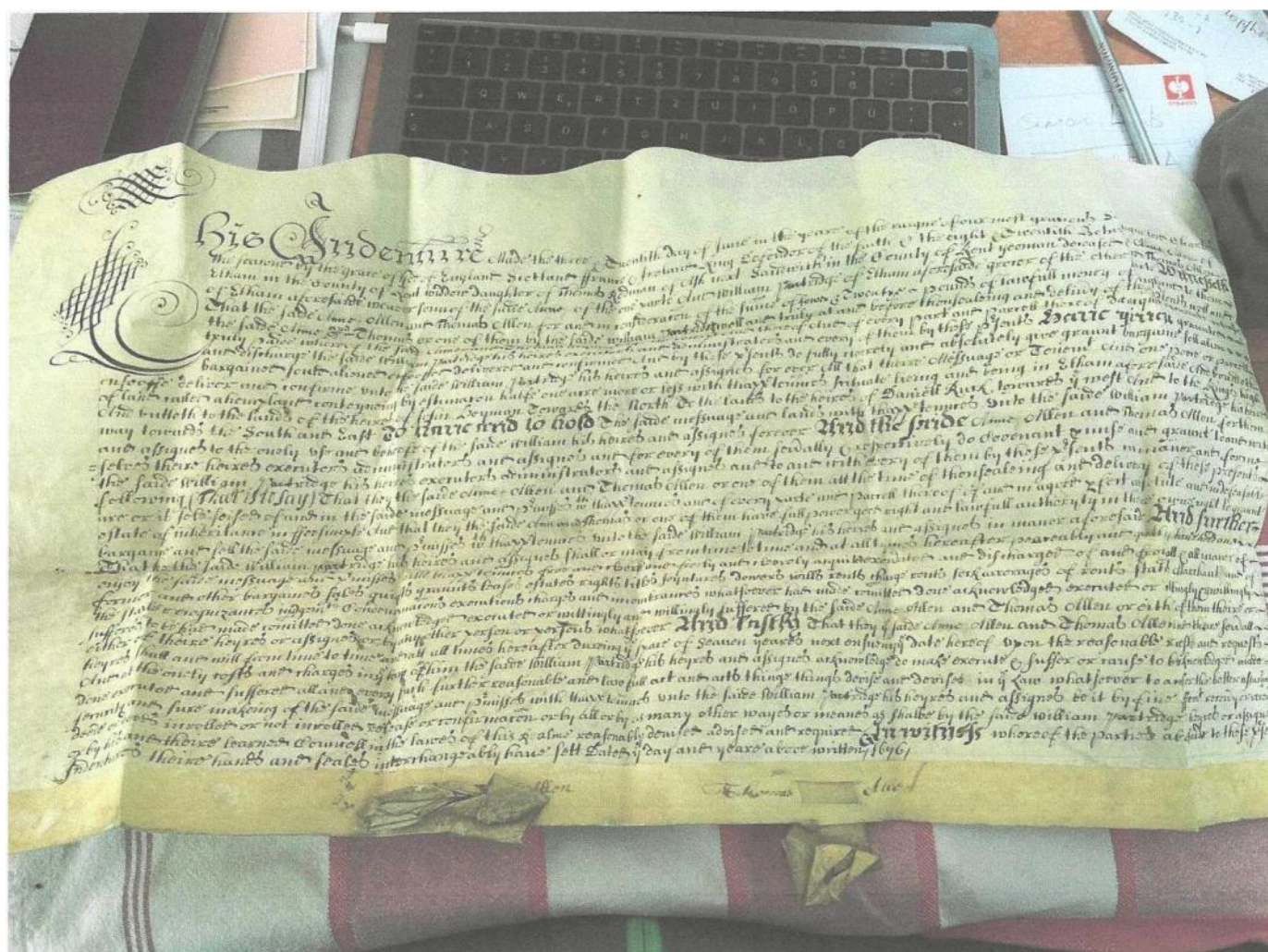
New Inn (Alfd. Fellows)
Newing Edwin, tobccnst. High st
Nicholson R. F. C. chemist
Oliver Hy. Leslie, poultry farm
Palm Tree P.H. (Mrs. Watts)
Palmar Albt. smallholder, Wingmore
Palmer Frank, farmer, North Elham
Palmer Geo. farmer, North Elham.
T N 222
Parker Geo. H. farmer, Standard hill
Patterson-Brown Alan, poultry
farmer, Mount Bottom
Prebble Thos. carpnter.Rhodes Minnis
Quested Rd. M. farmer, Bakes Hole
†Rawe Egbert, farmer, Bladbin
Ridley Wm. A. poultry farmer, Wing-
more. Barham 4
Rose & Crown Hotel (Ashley W.
Millen, propr.). T N 226
Sawyers Mrs. Annie M. ironmngr
Slade Alfd. Saml. butcher. T N 266
Smith Edwd. statnr. & post office

Smith Frederick, shoe maker
Smith William, watch maker
Sutton Percy, farmer
Swain Doris, ladies' hairdrrsr.High st
Terry John, farmer & haulage con-
tractor, Exted farm. T N 241
Twomey Timothy M.B., B.Ch.,B.A.O.
N.U.I. surgn. & medical officer &
public vaccinator No. 5 district,
Bridge-Blean Rural District, Villa
Nova. T N 213
Vye & Son, grocers. T N 229
Wainwright Mrs. poultry farmer,
Wenny, Rhodes Minnis
Walker O. B. poultry farmer
Warner Wm. Wltr. farmer, Grove ho
Westacott Jn. A.M.I.Struct. E.,
A.M.I.E.I., C.E. chartrd. struc-
tural engnr. Rosemount
White Wm. cycle agt. Rhodes Minnis
Whitnall John Edward, plumber

Elham History in Germany

The EHS recently received an email from Dr Peter Gregory, an Englishman living and working in Germany, saying that his German next-door neighbours had a document in their safe which appeared to relate to a transaction in Elham in 1676. It has been in their possession for over forty years, but they don't really know why.

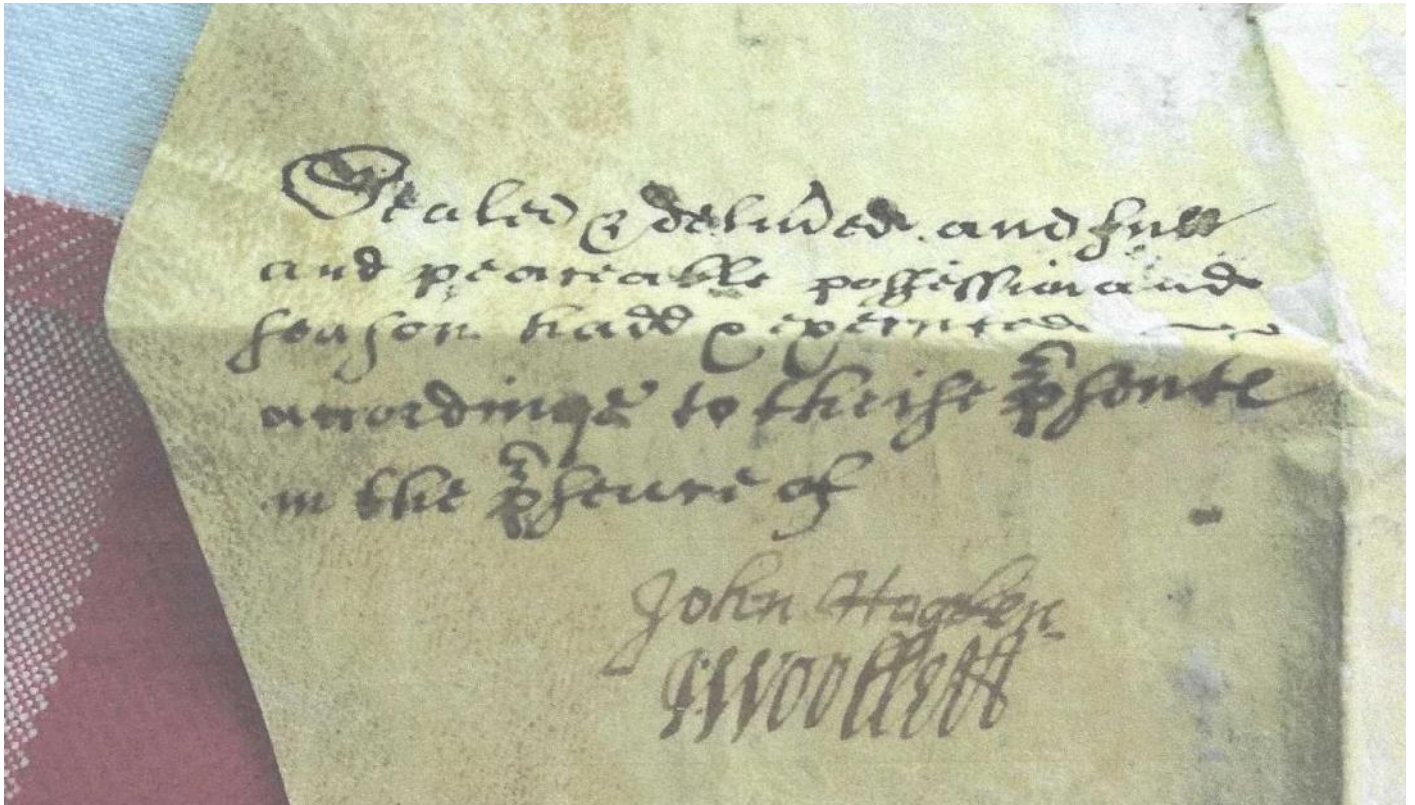
Dr Gregory had read some of the names (not entirely accurately) but was unable to decipher most of the document. However he attached an excellent photo of it, and I was able to read the whole thing, with the exception of a few words lost in a crease.



The document, dated 23 June 28 Charles II, 1676, is the sale by Anne Allen of Elham, widow, daughter of Thomas Redman of Ash-next-Sandwich, yeoman, deceased, and her son Thomas Allen of Elham, weaver, to William Partridge of Elham, grocer, of a house and half an acre of land in Elham. The property was bounded on the north by the land of the heirs of John Heyman, on the west by the land of the heirs of Daniel Ruck, and on the south and east by the King's highway.

The purchase price was £24 four and twenty Pounds}. Both Anne and Thomas Allen sign the document. The witnesses to the transaction were John Hogben and John Woollett.

Elham History in Germany /cont



It would be great to identify exactly where this house and land was, but that is not possible without further corroborative evidence. But who knows? This document turned up out of the blue, and others may follow.

There are of course thousands of such title deeds, some in the EHS archive, hundreds at the Kent archives in Maidstone, some fortunately still associated with the relevant property, many lost, but others which may surface like the present example. They all help us to build up a picture of our past

Apart from Redman, all the names in this deed are from families with long histories in Elham, but the only one that I can add information on is John Woollett. In the will of Sir John Williams, which established the Elham charity school, made three hundred years ago on 3 April 1723, he is called 'my kinsman' and refers to his widow's 'next Husband, commonly called Dr Boughton'.

Elizabeth Woollett was a brave lady, taking on the four young children of the widowed John Boughton, but it evidently went well. When Boughton made his will on 30 May 1691, he made her their guardian during their minority, 'she having shown so great kindness to them since our marriage'.

D.B,

Ottinge Court Farm – miscellaneous notes

The following notes on Ottinge Court Farm are an example of the sort of information that I try to put together, including some of my own recollections, to supplement what we have on the EHS Database. DB

1815, Survey for Merton College by Richard Crabtree of Biggleswade

The map is missing, apart from a small section covering the village, but some fields can be identified by comparison with the Tithe Apportionment.

The owner was George Plomer Esq., wrongly entered as “Thomas”; the occupier Robert Westfield.

No.	Name of the Fields	Arable	Pasture	Wood	Total
470	Old Land field	4.3.20			4.3.20
471	South field & Long Close		10.2.15		10.2.15
473	Broad Sole	6.1.15			6.1.15
479	Wren Hill &c.	38.3.19			38.3.19
475	Boyke Orchard		1.3.0		1.3.0
483	Hope Croft	7.0.5			7.0.5
472	Wood			0.2.2	0.2.2
488	Hay Croft		4.3.8		4.3.8
489	House, Yards, Buildings, Hay Meadow &c.		2.3.22		2.3.22
490	South Gate	12.0.23			12.0.23
512	Little Boyke		3.0.32		3.0.32
515	Ditto Druce		3.0.7		3.0.7
1076	Further Chalk Croft	6.0.24			6.0.24
1079	Little Ditto		3.2.18		3.2.18
1080	Further Meadow		4.0.11		4.0.11
1088	North Garden		0.2.16		0.2.16
1089	Hemp Spot		1.1.2		1.1.2
1090	Cottage and Garden		0.0.37		0.0.37
1091	Half Acre Meadow		0.1.28		0.1.28
1092	Hither Ditto		2.11.32		2.1.32
1093	Little Ditto		0.1.26		0.1.26
1095	Seven Acre Ditto		7.2.35		7.2.35
1124	Lubbs Close	6.1.11			6.1.11
1130	Upper Knoll	14.2.26			14.2.26
1133	Dean and Hunger Hill	18.1.7			18.1.7
1144	Land Pits		10.3.20		10.3.20
1157	Broom Close		10.1.31		10.1.31
		113.2.30	73.1.15	0.2.2	188.2.7

Ottinge Court Farm – miscellaneous notes

Robert Westfield hired other land in the parish, including at Grimsacre.

He was for some years Treasurer of the Elham, Lyminge, Elmstead and Acrise Association for Discovering and Prosecuting Thieves, Receivers of Stolen Goods and other Offenders, and advertised its annual meetings in the *Kentish Gazette*. They took place on the second Monday in December at 5p.m., and alternated between the Rose & Crown at Elham, and the Coach & Horses at Lyminge. Though latterly a dairy farm, Ottinge Court had a long connexion with sheep and the development of the Kent or Romney Marsh breed. Robert Westfield advertised in the *Kentish Gazette* of 26 June 1818 for good keep for 800 lambs. Westfield's sheep formed the basis of the flock of Charles File & Sons, which became Flock No. 7 when the breed was registered in 1895 (Charles File junior had Flock No. 8, at Water Farm). According to the Flock Book "Selections have been exported both of Ewes and Rams to Falkland Islands, Patagonia, Buenos Ayres, Monte Video, New Zealand, and Spain".

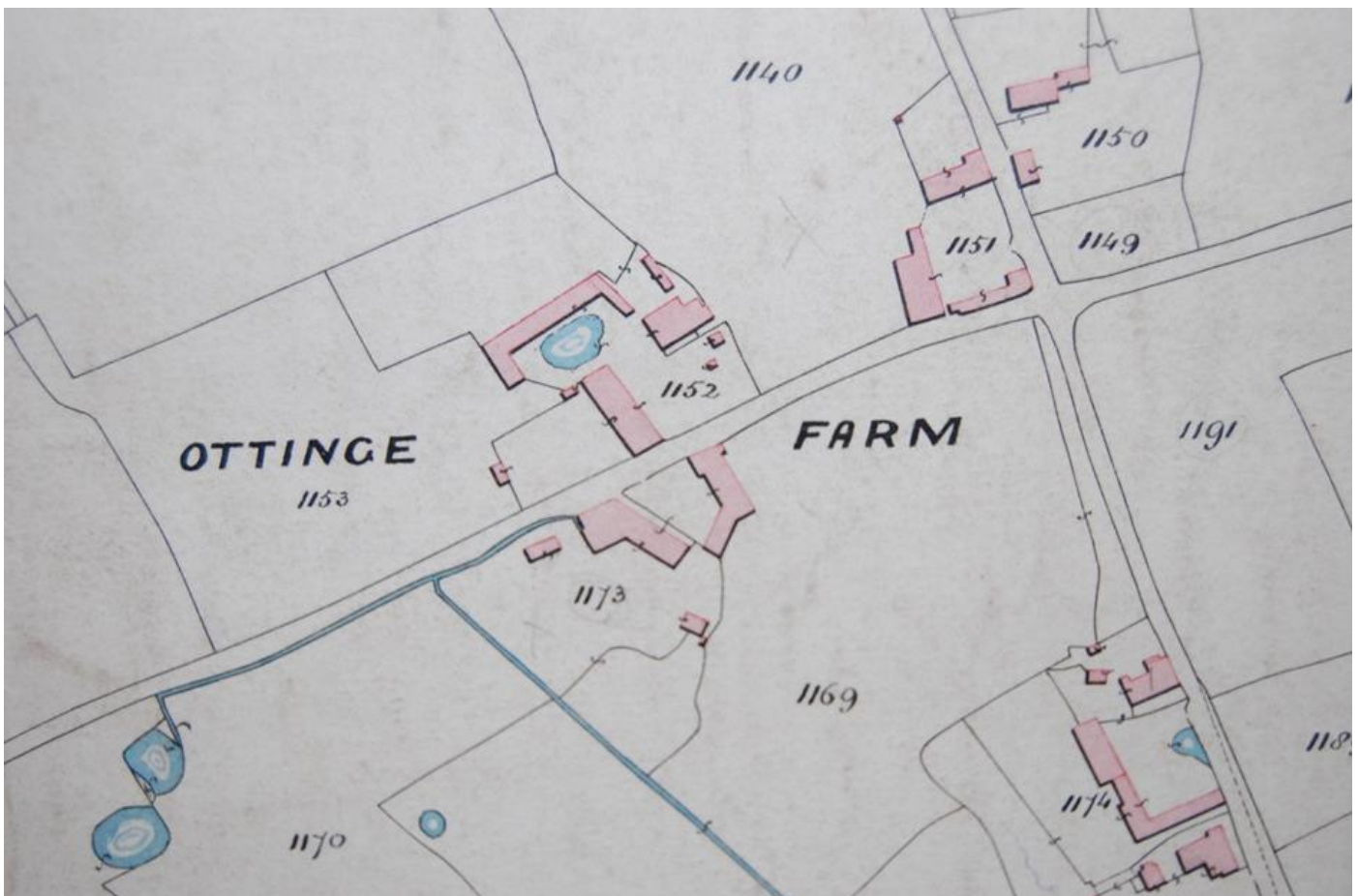
On 24 January 1819, the *Kentish Gazette* reported: Hog killed Tuesday last by Mr Robert Westfield of Ottinge Farm, Elham, 16 months old, weighing 30 score and 16 lbs.

His wife died January 1826, leaving eight children. Westfield died 13 November 1834, aged 52.

1841 Census

John File, 45, Farmer, Mary F., 15, Thomas F., 15, John F., 13, William F., 11, Stephen F., 10, Edwin F., 8, James Qusted, 15, Ag. Lab., Mary Croucher, 15, F.S.

1845, Tithe Apportionment, surveyed by Thomas Smith-Woolley of Northampton



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Plot	Owner	Occupier	Field Name	State	Acreage
1074	Thomas Papillon	John File	Royke	W	4.0.16
1076	G. D.Plomer		Little Royke		
1116			Barke	P	10.1.4
1131			Great Field	A	63.1.7
1132			Byrke Wood	W	0.1.2
1133			Ditto	W	1.1.20
1152			Ottinge farm	W	1.0.34
1153			Home Close	P	1.3.8
1154			Home Meadow	P	4.3.8
1155			South gate	A	12.0.16
1183			Five acres	A	5.1.8
1184			Cacky bit	P	0.2.17
1186				P	1.0.36
1187				G	0.1.0
1188				P	2.2.31
1190			Part of Seven Acres	P	2.2.35
1192				P	9.2.27
1193				P	0.1.25
1207			Six acres	A	6.0.39
1249			Sandbank	A	43.3.14
1267			The Rough	P	10.0.37

1851

63	Ottinge Farm	John File	Head	U	23	Bailiff of the acres (comp. 6 men & 2 boys)	Sent Hougham
		Elizabeth Lawson	Aunt	W	66	Housekeeper	do Elham
		Maria Hogben	Servant	U	22	House servant	Unknown
		John Sharp	Servant	do	23	Waggoner	Sent Swinfield
		George Clayson	do	do	19	All works	Sent Elham
		George Marsh	do	do	21	Waggoner's mate	do Stelling
							Unknown

Census 1851 4a 63: John File Head U. 23 Bailiff 164 acres, 6 men, 2 boys.

Elizabeth Lawson Aunt W. 66 Housekeeper

Maria Hogben Serv. U. 22 House servant

John Sharp Serv. U. 23 Waggoner

George Clayson Serv. U. 19 Allworks

George Marsh Serv. U. 21 Waggoner's mate

b. Kent, Hougham

b. Kent, Elham

birthplace unknown

b. Kent, Swinfield

b. Kent, Elham

b. Kent, Stelling

Ottinge Court Farm – miscellaneous notes

1861

Schedule	House	Latent	Building	Occupant	Sex	Age	Remarks	Notes
Y3	Ottings	1	Charles Fife	Head	Mar	46	James D. Fife's employment	Kent Hingham
			Elizabeth M. S. Fife	Wife	Mar	27	James D. Fife's	610 Elham
			Charles Fife	Son		14		610 Elham
			Emma Fife	Daughter		2		710 Elham
			Elizabeth Fife	Daughter		1		610 Elham
			Eliza Sophia Fife	Daughter		14		610 Elham
			Mary Ann Smith	Servant	Un	20	Genl. Hart	710 Elham
			Edward Casswell	Son	Un	32	Farm servant	710 Elham
			John Jeffery	Son	Un	33	610 Elham	610 Lyman
						14	610 Lyman	610 Elham

Census 1861, 1, 73: Charles File Head M. 40 Farmer of 187 acres emp. 7 men, 1boy b. Hougham
Elizabeth M. S. File Wife M. 27 b. Elham
Emma File Daughter 2 b. Elham
Elizabeth File Daughter 1 b. Elham
Eliza Sophia Bourne Niece 14 b. Elham
Mary Ann Smith Servant Un. 20 General Serv. b. Elham
Edward Carswell Servant Un. 22 Farm Servant b. Elham
John Jeffery Servant Un. 33 Farm Servant b. Lyminge

1871

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<u>Census 1871, 2, 75:</u>	Charles File, Head/M/50 Farmer of 365 acres, 13 men, 3 boys	b. Hougham
	Elizabeth M.S. File, Wife/M/37 Farmer's wife	b. Elham
	John File, Son/9 Farmer's son	b. Elham
	Edward File, Son/7 Farmer's son	b. Elham
	Mary File, Daughter/5	b. Elham
	Frank File, Son/3	b. Elham
	Sophia File, Daughter/1	b. Elham
	Thomas Bourne, Nephew/22 Farm servant	b. Elham
	Harriett Law, Serv/17 General servant	b. Bethersden
	Frank Springer, Serv/21 Farm servant	b. Elham
	Richard Taylor, Serv/21 Farm servant	b. Elham

Ottinge Court Farm – miscellaneous notes

1881

69	Ottinge	1	(U)	Charles File	Head	Man	60	Farmer of 700 acres	Do	Do
				Mary E. S. File	Wife	Woman	47	Farmer's wife	Do	Do
				Charles File	Son	Unm.	24	Farmer's son	Do	Do
				Emma File	Daughter	Unm.	22	Farmer's daughter	Do	Do
				Elizabeth File	Daughter	Unm.	21	Farmer's daughter	Do	Do
	Ottinge		(B)	John File	Son	Unm.	19	Farmer's son	Kent, Elham	
				Sophia File	Daughter	Unm.	11	Scholar	Do	Do
				George File	Son		9	Do	Do	Do
				William File	Son		8	Do	Do	Do
				Frederick File	Son		6	Do	Do	Do
				Adelaide File	Daughter		4	Do	Do	Do
				Jessie File	Daughter		2	Do	Do	Do
				Ruth Chester	Servant		16	General serv. (Domestic)	Do	Do

<u>Census 1881, 2,69</u>	Charles File, Head/M/60 Farmer of 700 acres, emp. 20 men	b. Elham [sic]
	Mary E. S. File, Wife/M/47 Farmer's wife	b. Elham
	Charles File, Son/unm/24 Farmer's son	b. Elham
	Emma File, Daughter/unm/22 Farmer's daughter	b. Elham
	Elizabeth File, Daughter/unm/21 Farmer's daughter	b. Elham
	John File, Son/unm/19 Farmer's son	b. Elham
	Sophia File, Daughter/11 Scholar	b. Elham
	George File, Son/9 Scholar	b. Elham
	William File, Son/8 Scholar	b. Elham
	Frederick File, Son/6 Scholar	b. Elham
	Adelaide File, Daughter/4 Scholar	b. Elham
	Jessie File, Daughter/2	b. Elham
	Ruth Chester, Servant/16 General serv. (Domestic)	b. Elham

In 1851 Charles File had been running the family grocery business at what became Hubble's, so his achievement in doubling the size of the farming enterprise at Ottinge in each succeeding decade is all the more remarkable.

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1891

	Age	Sex	Marriage	Notes	Female			
1 Ottinge	1			Charles File	Head	M/70	Farmer	x
				Mary Eliz. Sophia File	Wife	M/57		
				Emma File	Daughter	Single/32		
				John File	Son	Single/29	Farmer	x
				Mary File	Daughter	Single/25		
				George File	Son	Single/19	Draper's apprentice	x
				Wm File	Son	Single/18	Butcher's clerk	x
				Frederick File	Son	Single/16		
				Adelaide File	Daughter	Single/14		
				Jessie File	Daughter	Single/12		
				Emma Oliver	Servant	Single/19	Domestic Servant	x

Census 1891, 2,1: Charles File, Head/M/70 Farmer
 Mary Eliz. Sophia File, Wife/M/57
 Emma File, Daughter/Single/32
 John File, Son/Single/29 Farmer
 Mary File, Daughter/Single/25
 George File, Son/Single/19 Draper's apprentice
 Wm File, Son/Single/18 Butcher's clerk
 Frederick File, Son/Single/16
 Adelaide File, Daughter/14
 Jessie File, Daughter/12
 Emma Oliver, Servant/Single/19 Domestic Servant

b. Hougham
 b. Elham
 b. Elham
 b. Elham
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 b. Elham
 b. Elham
 b. Elham
 b. Elham
 b. Stowting

From the Flock Book of the Kent or Romney Marsh Sheep, Vol. 1, 1895:

FLOCK No. 7.

CHARLES FILE and SONS, Ottinge Court, Elham, Canterbury.

Railway Station, Elham, South-Eastern Railway Company.
 Founded in 1836.

This is an old-established Flock. It is certain that it had been in existence a considerable time previous to 1836, since which time it has been carefully bred. Only once (in the year 1887) have any Ewes been purchased for putting into the Flock; in this year, however, twenty carefully selected Ewes were purchased at the dispersal sale of the late Mr. Bayden.

The Sires used in the Flock, besides home-bred ones, have been from Flocks of the highest reputation, such as Messrs. Rigden, Murton, Foster, Woollett, and Kingsnorth, and during the last three years the Sires have been those bred by Messrs. Rigden, G. W. Finn, Arthur Finn, C. File, jun., and G. Buley.

The Flock has a very high reputation as a Ram-breeding Flock, Rams having been sold annually for 35 years.

Selections have been exported both of Ewes and Rams to Falkland Islands, Patagonia, Buenos Ayres, Monte Video, New Zealand, and Spain.

ORIGINAL FLOCK RETURN.

Flock Ewes inspected in 1895	460	Shearling Rams inspected in 1895	40
Shearling Ewes	170	Old Rams	11

SIRES USED IN 1894.

Ottinge No. 1	556, vol. 1	Ottinge No. 5	560, vol. 1
Ottinge Jumbo	557, vol. 1	Ottinge No. 6	561, vol. 1
Ottinge No. 3	558, vol. 1	Ottinge No. 7	562, vol. 1
Bladbean	559, vol. 1	Ottinge No. 8	563, vol. 1
Ottinge No. 9	564, vol. 1		

Charles File junior at Water Farm, Elham, had Flock No. 8, based on the flock of John Broadley at Postling Court and the family flock at Ottinge Court.

The Times, 20 June 1899, 12a: Royal Show, Mote Park, Maidstone. Kent Ram, 3rd Prize, £5, to Charles File of Ottinge. Kent Ram, 2 shear, 1st & 3rd, Charles File of Elham.

1901

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Elizabeth MarySophia died at Stone Farm, Saltwood, on 14 December 1920, and was buried at Elham. Her will was proved by John, George and Frederick File, farmers.

There are two schedules for Ottinge Court in the 1911 census. The seventy-seven year old widow Elizabeth Gibbens is described as “Caretaker” and occupies three rooms. The Pilcher family also occupy three rooms:

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Ottinge Court Farm – miscellaneous notes

Charles File junior, of Water Farm, died 12 February 1912

The Times, 27 May 1912, 11e: Charles File's flock to be sold in the autumn



The above photo (? WW1) shows members of David E. Fisher's family when he ran Ottinge Court in conjunction with Lyminge Mill.

Ottinge Court Farm – miscellaneous notes



Fisher children in the yard (Mrs Selley, latterly of Lyminge, on the left).

After World War 1, the farm was bought by Kingsley Dykes, who had to abandon a career as a surgeon because of wartime injuries.

In 1930 Kinglsey Dykes' phone no. was Lyminge 18. Hubert Finn-Kelcey had 21 in 1925, so it presumably predates that. Rapid expansion meant that all Lymigne numbers were prefixed by 871 or 872 soon after 1930.

1938 Phone Directory: Kingsley Dykes, Ottinge Court, Lyminge 87118, also Skeete, 87255.

As Secretary of the Elham Branch of the National Farmers' Union, Kingsley Dykes was active throughout the thirties in the anti-Tithe campaign, particularly in the stormy period of 1932-4, which he recorded in a scrapbook of documents and press cuttings.

Kingsley remained active in many voluntary activities after WW2 – the NFU, the Kent County Show. The Elham Valley Horse Show, and the Elham Steam Engine Rallies held in support of Elham Village Hall.

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The Elham Coronation celebrations of 1953 were an incredible achievement for so small a community, and owed their success to the leadership of Kingsley (right), Cuthbert Grieg (rear, left of centre) and Max Harrowing.

Bert Lea (far left) assisted Mr Mumford Cook in roasting the ox, of which Queen Bess is about to try the first slice.

Kingsley Dykes (O.B.E., M.C.) died 23 October 1969 aged 75; Kathleen (M.B.E.) 11 November 1976 aged 82.

Derek Wilson died 30 May 1996 aged 79; Patsy 24 Feb 2002 aged 78.

1999 Voters List: Jeremy D R, Judith A & Patricia A E Wilson, David J Guy

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Ottinge Farm Shop – two photos taken by Nick Reed, January 2016

A CELEBRATION OF 100 YEARS OF THE WIRELESS

On 14th October 1922 the BBC broadcast its first wireless programme. On 23rd September 2022 at the Village Hall the Elham Historical Society celebrated this centenary with a fantastic tribute.



To quote the set designers (*Bryan Badham & Pam Ferris*) 'the left-hand side of the stage was a sitting room and the righthand side a BBC studio'. The props all seemed to be vintage pieces: three armchairs, a standard lamp, wireless etc in the sitting room; upright chair, small table, chunky BBC microphone ('made from scrap pieces of wood from the garage' - fooled me!), a large piece of wireless equipment ('actually a telephone exchange high speed relay tester') with a seemingly lit 'On Air' sign beneath.

Three people (*Pam Ferris, Trevor Gasson & Derek Boughton*) in the sitting room (smart casual but bow ties for the men) plus pre-recorded contributions from a poorly cast member (*Nigel Thomas*). In the studio a very smartly dressed announcer (*Jenny Gasson*) as per BBC standards at the time.

An evening of reminiscences: how the wireless impacted on the cast's younger lives interspersed with amusing and interesting snippets of information about BBC radio (how the Navy Lark was given that name), info about many iconic programmes such as *Pick of the Pops*.

Pam Ferris amused us with personal anecdotes of working on radio and superbly using regional accents. A consummate actress indeed. The audience was not left out. We had to guess the identity of recorded voices, and the name of programmes when we heard a bit of the theme tune. Jenny Gasson could be a professional with the BBC, so perfect was she in her role. The production and catering teams (*Richard Motley, Bryan Badham, Deborah Capon, Wendy Badham & Barbara Athow*) worked their socks off. The evening was a year in the planning. The whole production was unblemished, faultless and seam-free. A BBC producer could not have done better.

To paraphrase Winston Churchill, a lot is owed by all who were there to so few. Keith Mortimer

If you missed the actual performance you can hear recordings of the whole evening, just head over to the EHS website "News" webpage and click on the links. [News \(elham.co.uk\)](https://www.elham.co.uk/news)

Recent Pictures added to the EHS Digital Archive

We thought you would like to see a small selection of photos that we have recently scanned from Bryan Terry's photo album



Great Exted Farmhouse and barn. The barn was destroyed by fire in the early 20th century.



At work in the fields at Exted, circa 1940. The Terry family enjoy a cup of tea during the harvest.

Recent Pictures added to the EHS Digital Archive /cont



George Henry Terry (right) taking a rest with friends on the bonnet of a J. Terry lorry.



George shown here again with some more of his beloved four legged friends.

During WW2 George was a member of Britain's Secret Army, known officially as Auxiliary Units. If you would like to know more about their local secret hideouts and the activities they were secretly trained to do then why not visit <https://www.staybehinds.com/patrol/elham-patrol>

2023

Who is Who

Chairman

Derek Boughton

Vice Chairman

Charles Kirchner

Secretary

Deborah Capon

Treasurer

Bryan Badham

Membership Secretary

Ian Sladden

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Don't forget our wonderful collection of vintage postcards at a cost of 60p each or £4.00 for a pack of eight. These are always available at our meetings in the Village Hall.



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It's your Newsletter!

We've got lots of good "stuff" to tell you about in these newsletters but we hope that you, our members, will also provide contributions.

Everyone will have their own special areas of interest so, to stop us banging on about our own obsessions, send us your thoughts and photos etc. Letters to the Editor are always appreciated!

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