

# Lamorbey and Sidcup Local History Society

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All our thanks go to the author for his contribution to the 1988/89 Society Year!

Francis Coley

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The book is a great credit to him and also reflects in a happy way on the Society.

When you read it do remember that the author's brief was not to write a tome but a manageable Local Studies handbook. I'm sure that the data available was vast, the daunting job being to condense it and yet bring out the most important facts. A resident made a comment to myself that it was a pity the High Street shops of a few decades ago were not detailed. Perhaps this comment is typical of some that will be made. Again, just think of the time-scale and area that had to be contained.

I think the book will provoke much healthy comment and will perhaps stir us on to fresh endeavours. For instance, a pamphlet could be produced on the High Street shops of yesteryear. As a comparative newcomer (a resident of thirteen years) I have always been interested by the fond way in which native Sedcupians speak of the High Street.

However, to return to this publication. After many trials and tribulations Local Studies gave John a launch date of the weekend of Saturday, 16th July which was Bexley Book Fair weekend at Hall Place. I decided to pop along on the Saturday afternoon and what a good thing I did. As I walked into the Great Hall there was John being congratulated on the book by the Mayor, Councillor Harrington. It was pleasing being part of the audience giving him a well deserved round of applause. The lack of publicity was due to a real uncertainty as to whether delivery from the printers would be made on time. In the event delivery was made late Friday afternoon and so some of the lucky buyers on the Saturday afternoon were able to request the author to sign their copy.

All in all what a commencement to the 1988/89 Society Year!

Frances Oxley

Jean Lidstone  
22nd June 1988



### A few Comments on Street Furniture

This I find a fascinating subject, because wherever you are out walking there is Street Furniture to be seen, and history. I first really became interested in this when Frances brought a book on Coal Holes. When in London you can see many of these, but how many in Sidcup now? I have photographed two and seen three others - one part of history that is disappearing in our area.

My friends get endless amusement from the fact that I photograph and draw drain and manhole covers and they often say "Photographed any good drains recently?". Look on the pavements and in the road and you will see S.U.D.C. and C. & S.U.D.C. - Sidcup Urban District Council and Chislehurst and Sidcup Urban District Council. In one instance I have seen B.U.D.C.

Manhole Covers - "H. Dunn, Builder, Sidcup". I first noticed his name on a manhole cover at the corner of Hurst Road/Station Road. The premises of Henry Dunn were at the Station Approach, or per a 1930 advertisement, Railway Approach. According to a 1933 advertisement, the firm of Henry Dunn was established in 1781. Henry Dunn was a Builder, Decorator, Plumber, Sanitary Engineer, Funeral Furnisher and did House Repairs. A few of the other names I have seen on manhole covers are - J. Forrest, G.A. Harper, J.J. Jagger, Fred Knight, T. Knight, C.R. Leech and Stebbings & Pannett. The roads where Mr. Leech built houses were named after trees, i.e. Cedar Avenue, Maple Crescent, etc. The wording on some of his manhole covers is "C.R. Leech, Queenswood Estate, Sidcup, Kent." These covers can be seen in front gardens on the concrete paths, on the lawn, or in some cases between two end of block houses.

Just to mention a few more items of Street Furniture -

- a) Pillar Boxes and Wall Boxes, with the cypher of the Monarch reigning - VR. E VII R; GR; E VIII R; G VI R; and E II R.
- b) Belisha Beacons - named after Leslie Hore-Belisha, Minister of Transport from 1934-37.
- c) Boundary Signs; Boundary Stones; Milestones.
- d) Sirens.
- e) Gas - SSGC/SEGB. Water - MWB/TWA MWD. Old drain pipes often have a date at the top.
- f) Today I photographed where the Pylon used to be in Sherwood Park Avenue - a landmark for many years.

Street Furniture is constantly changing - some items become obsolete, other items are introduced - we now take parking meters for granted - these first appeared in Britain during the 1950's; the red telephone boxes are now disappearing, but no matter where you are, you can always spot something, perhaps something that you have been walking past for years and had not noticed. It does make walking interesting.

A very good book on this subject is "PILLAR TO POST Looking at Street Furniture" by Henry Aaron with photographs by Ian Sherren, which I obtained from the Central Library, Bexleyheath.

Jean Lidstone  
22nd June 1988



### Postcards

Have you ever been to a postcard fair? A local one is held several times a year at Emmanuel Church Hall, Hadlow Road. The first one I attended was within a hotel in Bloomsbury. I had never seen so many postcards all neatly arranged in subject matter. One can spend hours at these fairs going through the various boxes to find one or several for your collection. You can also spend quite a lot of money on any series or views in short supply. Our member Jean Lidstone, who was with me at Bloomsbury, has collected so many postcards on Sidcup from the earlier part of this century that I think she must now have a copy of all that was printed. The cards are so interesting, not only for the local views, but the messages on the reverse.

Sometimes the writer says he or she will meet the addressee that afternoon or evening. Evidently they had great faith or this service was quite normal. Quite often people were staying with friends or relatives in Sidcup and so many postcards went winging their way over Britain. I have seen one or two cards that were written from the Convent in Hatherley Road to the Mother House in France.

Have you any postcards that might be of interest to the Society. As you know we are always looking for archive material.

Standing at the No.51 bus stop at Station Road I noticed Lanes were displaying several coloured postcards of Sidcup. There are ten different views so why don't you start the fashion of sending postcards again, (no I'm not on commission) some of them might well end up at a future postcard fair.

### Pylons

Have you been keeping up with the Pylon saga? First, scaffolding was erected in the Blackfen area and then pylons were removed. I do not pretend to understand the electrical programme behind these happenings. However, we are all aware of the impact that the pylons had on the skyline now that the older ones have been dismantled. In particular, the one in Sherwood Park Avenue was useful as a break to the rat run. If another does not take its place it is to be hoped that the site will be retained as a mini roundabout. The pylons are not attractive, placed as they are within housing estates, but nevertheless we accept them as part of our environment. In fact they are now part of our local history.

### Refurbishment

Sidcup Station is being completely refurbished and by the time you read this article should once again be fully open to the travelling public. At the moment as one toils over the bridge to the up platform the new ticket office is very obvious with its different type of architecture. Paint brushes have been wielded to good effect on pillars, seats and nameplates. Cameras at the ready to photograph the new lay-out please.

P.S. If you stand at a certain spot on the platform the cupola of the Coach House at Lamorbey is visible through the trees. I wonder if it could be seen before the great storm of October 16th, 1987?



### Hamlet of Halfway Street

In June of this year (on a "typical summer's evening") a large party turned out for a most enjoyable tour of the old hamlet of Halfway Street led by our Dr. John Mercer. Mr. Malcolm Barr-Hamilton from the Local Studies centre at Hall Place kindly brought along a collection of old photos of the area, so that we had a more visual interpretation of the cottages and buildings that were now no longer standing.

What we know as Halfway Street now was called Halfway Street Road. The hamlet of Halfway Street was there before Sidcup really took over with the advent of the railway in 1866 and the subsequent development of buildings to house the new commuters.

Despite the "New Town" of Sidcup it is interesting to know that Halfway Street itself actually boasted two buildings that were originally Hall Houses within a few yards of each other. History on our doorstep as it were.

We met outside Lamorbey Baths and reflected that on that spot, a little over fifty years ago, stood two Oast Houses that belonged to Halfway Street Farm. The farm dated from the early 19C and towards the middle of that period it was taken over by William Vinson. His descendants carried on farming it till the last crop was carried in, in 1931. (The farm was demolished in 1933.) The farm covered more than 290 acres and extended on both sides of the railway line, nearly to New Eltham.

Where the Sorting office now stands stood three cottages - Church Cottages Nos. 11, 13 and 15 Halfway Street. They, and the farm fell under the bulldozers of the developers to form the cinema (later the swimming baths) and the parade of shops opposite Hurst Road. Fortunately, quite a few of the houses in Halfway Street still stand viz: No.21 (The White House - 1870's), No.23 (Lilac Cottage - 1800's) and "The Tudors" - a Hall House (A.D. 1450). No.29 (Halfway Cottage), No.31 (Fern Cottage), No.33 (Old Farm Cottage) (A.D. 1510) divided into two. What is now the British Telecom building Nos. 37-39, was originally a 16C mansion called Old Farm House. Old Farm Road took its name from this - not the Vinson's Farm. This house was lived in by Frank Lewin J.P. (The Senior Lewin, Richard, lived at The Hollies).

Frank Lewin had made his money from The East India Co. and he was quite a nobility. His farm covered 160 acres - right down to Avery Hill.

Mr. John Malcolm lived at No.39 (Lamorbey House). The Malcolm Family owned the land mostly to the south of Burnt Oak Lane whilst the Lewins owned the land to the north of the Lane.

Going down Halfway Street, No.41 (Lochinvar), No.43 is the Old Black Horse Inn, No.44 (Lamorbey Cottage), No.45 was the old Post office, called Woolaways and was the first building to be scrapped in 1967. Some members of the Society remembered E.J. Woolaways, it was situated immediately to the west of The Black Horse Inn. This house was 18C and although owned by Mr. Lewin it was occupied by Charles Mitchell, (it appears in directories as "Farmer - Day's Farm" and listed in 1862 still as "Farm - Farmer Day's Farm - then the house was divided into two separate cottages).

In 1873 the whole range of buildings stretched from the earlier building "Black Horse" to what is now Old Farm West. No.47 (Jessamine Cottage was built up to the west wall of the house). Jagers, the builders, is the west wall of the original house.



It was hard going for Dr. Mercer to keep his voice heard above the noise of the constant flow of traffic, it was doubly hard too, for him for he had to deliver his talk in two parts of the "crocodile".

Halfway Street boasted two blacksmiths: the one on the opposite side of the Old Black Horse (a Mr. Pickett, apparently) had to close down because of the competition from the other smithy near the Station.

Just past the Children's Homes (now being vacated) some may remember seeing from the top of the No.51 bus an old house with creepers growing through the rafters of the roof. Indeed it is a creepy place, fallen into disrepair and practically invisible under its camouflage of branches and creepers. We understand that the lady who lived there has been dead for many years ... it certainly brings to mind Walter de la Mare's poem "The Listeners" ..... Is there anybody there? said the traveller knocking on the moonlit door. Tell them I came and no one answered ....." It certainly is a proper hide-out for ghosts even so!

Holy Trinity Church was re-built in 1949 after a rocket bomb had hit it (together with the cinema) in October 1945.

The other big land-owner of the district (the other being the Lewins) were the Malcolms, who lived in Lamorbey House.

In 1841, Mrs. Malcolm's School opened in Burnt Oak Lane; a later church school was built in Hurst Road in 1880. This latter building, although still standing, has been superseded by the new Holy Trinity Church School in a field in Burnt Oak Lane.

The three cottages on the right of the lane, recently renovated, are listed as Grade II Buildings. The wall-tile "1874 - J.M." refers to the owner, John Malcolm and were probably used for his agricultural workers.

On the left of Burnt Oak Lane we entered the grounds of "The Hollies". It was sad to see some of the huge trees blown down in "The Great Storm of October 1987" trying to come into leaf, like dying gladiators still putting up a brave fight against the inevitable death. It was sad too, in my opinion, to know that the grounds are taken over by developers. However, we did see the old family home of Richard Lewin, "The Hollies", although boarded up.

We ended our walk at Lamorbey Park - our home ground. Amazing to think that it once had a deer park and sheep grazed there. What surprised many of us was that there was an ice-house, barely visible, at the other end of the lake, near The Sidcup Golf Course. Pity the poor servants who had to traipse from the big house down to the ice-house every time they wanted something from the "fridge!!

Although I am not a native born and bred in Sidcup, I learned a lot on this very informative walk which only whetted my appetite to learn more.

The walk ended with a big laugh .... as it was nearly getting dusk the party broke up and had to clamber over the stone wall at The Glade to get out, only to find that the closed gate wasn't really closed at all! Ah well, the crocodile was really a herd of sheep!

M. Salmon



The Year of the Armada

Little did we realise when we set off from Lamorbey Baths on the morning of June 25th, 1988 that by the afternoon we would truly be at Kentwell, Suffolk in the Year of our Lord 1588!

Mrs. Nash, our Outings Secretary, had the inspired idea of a day at Long Melford and Kentwell, just up the road. So two coaches set off for the Suffolk countryside. After coffee at Long Melford we were then taken on a tour of the Church. Our guide (whose love for the Church was evident) informed us it was the largest village Church in England. Vast sums of money had been spent on it from wool trade profits and the result was almost a mini-cathedral. Some of the memorials were dedicated to past Kentwell families so we were familiar with names before our arrival.

After lunch at Kentwell taken in the great avenue of trees we proceeded from today through a canvas, wood chip strewn time warp to 1588. With the exception of us alien 20th century beings immediately everything and everybody was Elizabethan. Strolling around the grounds one saw and heard the Clopton family and their retainers going about their daily tasks and their leisure pursuits. It was all so real in every respect one wondered if there really was a 20th century outside the gates of Kentwell.

Great credit is due to the researchers on the various aspects of Elizabethan life and to the people of today who so steadfastly donned the Tudor mantle.

We even had comedy in the form of the Kentwell "Dad's Army" drilling with various pieces of ironmongery. A most unusual trip and one which we shall long remember.

With grateful thanks to my lady Phyllis from the honourable ladies and gentlemen of the Lamorbey & Sidcup Local History Society in the Fair County of Kent.

After the Fire

Whilst at Hall Place recently with the object of increasing my knowledge of the Heraldry of our area, I came across the following correspondence. Several thoughts passed through my mind as I read it.

1. Now over thirty-nine years since Footscray Place was lost to us.
2. It was good to know that a relative of Lord Bexley, in the person of Lord Vansittart was still interested in Footscray Place.
3. The reply on file from the retired Borough Librarian, Mr. F. Buckland is his draft. This was before the time of cheap photocopying.

Like his illustrious forebear I found that this later Vansittart was also a great statesman.

Permission has been given for me to include this correspondence in our Newsletter.

Frances Oxley



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BUCKS.

2nd November, 1949.

9th November, 1949.

Dear Mr. Buckland,

A cutting has been forwarded to me from the Bexley Heath Observer, containing your recent letter.

Can you tell me whether Foots Cray Place has been entirely burned down? The accounts that I read in some of the papers were conflicting, and in one or two there seemed hope that it might not be damaged beyond repair. Your letter on the other hand leads me to think that the place is wholly ruined. This is anyhow a sad tragedy. I have many memories of the place as a boy, and it was moreover a beautiful piece of architecture.

Yours sincerely,

F. Buckland, Esq.,  
27, Bean Road,  
BEXLEY HEATH.

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Dear Mr. Buckland,

Thank you for your letter. It was most kind of you to procure the necessary information and to send it on to me. It is certainly depressing, for I had clung to the hope that the damage might be repairable. From what you tell me there would seem now to be nothing to do except to pull down the little that is left. This is really sad for it was a beautiful piece of architecture, and the amount of beauty in this island is steadily diminishing. In time it will probably all go.

Thanking you again for the trouble that you have taken and with all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

F. Buckland, Esq.,  
27, Bean Road,  
BEXLEY HEATH.

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Dear Sir

Replying to your letter, I am informed that the K.B.C. has stated that Foots Cray Place is beyond repair.

I am unable to visit it myself, but my granddaughter, a school teacher, went there this morning, & she reports that the building is quite gutted, although the pillared portico is not severely damaged. It is surrounded by wire fencing & danger notices are posted. She states that the grounds & gardens are in very good condition & very beautiful, which is a small consolation.

~~Speaking personally~~ I feel that it is indeed a tragedy, ~~that it should end thus~~, for since my retirement from the post of Borough Librarian, in 1945 I have been engaged in writing, ~~or compiling~~, a history of <sup>this</sup> Bexley Borough, which could not be complete without ~~a~~ reference to Lord Bexley <sup>of Dorking Place</sup>.

I also feel that the <sup>lovely</sup> tragedy commenced with the alienation of the estate from private ownership. But seemingly these things must be, more is the pity, & this district has suffered its full share.

To the Right Hon. Lord Vansittart.

Denham Place  
Denham  
Bucks.



### Town and Village Research - a Dewey Link

The research started in a very small way - in one room in one house. I remember taking a very close look at an upstairs room in Wilmington Grange. It had probably been a bedroom at one time, but why were there two doors in one wall and two fireplaces? Obviously it had been two separate rooms so could one have been a dressing room? Where would the beds have been? How long ago was it a family house? How many people had lived in it? How old was it? How could I find out these things? Surely the deeds would give me some clues. Where are the deeds? I contacted the Dartford Education office and although they were most encouraging the letter must have become buried in someone's tray because I wasn't to see the relevant documents until August of this year when, from experience gained, I tried a new approach.

Back in 1970 I thought of looking at the oldest maps that were available. Enquiring about the Tithe map at the Public Record Office I found that a Reader's Ticket had to be obtained before one was allowed entry. It was almost the same as applying for a passport - minus the photograph. So Reader's Ticket to hand, I booked a place and asked for the Tithe map and schedule to be made ready. On arrival I was directed up a metal spiral staircase at the end of the corridor. When I reached the top and found myself in a dark, empty space I realised that I'd gone too far. By going down a couple of twists I found signs of life and the map room. The map itself was huge and extremely dusty and contained a mass of fascinating information - too much to absorb in one visit. Having made sketches of the area of special interest and found my way round the schedule I resolved to start saving for a photocopy of the whole document. I bought it about three years later at the cost of £25.00.

A friend, who lived locally and was also interested in the history of the area, came with me in a walk around Wilmington. We searched for a house called Shire Hall as the result of looking at the O.S. maps. These, in large scale (25:1), were also a valuable source. By this time my interest had spread further afield to encompass the entire parish. Being a resident of Sidcup my next trip was to Hall Place. There was an O.S. sketch map of the Dartford area drawn in 1799 and I bought a copy of it. The Local Studies section in Dartford Library contained several folders on my chosen area and Alex Freeman was a most encouraging and helpful archivist/librarian.

Meanwhile I was looking up all references to Wilmington in books on Kent and came across a chapter in Robert H. Goodsall's book, A Kentish Patchwork, on the Motley Austen's household accounts written whilst they were living in Wilmington Hall in the 18th Century. Keyes' and Dunkin's books were also full of small articles and snippets and Archaeologia Cantiana had a number of references. Hasted took one back even further than the Trade Directories. The report in several of these that the Manor was the site of the original manor house turned out to be false, but many other pieces of information from them have proved to be most helpful in tracing people and their houses or shops.

Mr. Peter Tester came and looked over the Manor with me and decided that it was a building of many mysteries and several architectural quirks. When the air raid shelter in the grounds was demolished we had an archaeological dig helped by the embryo Dartford Archaeological Group (at that time the Fawkham and Ash Arch. Group) under the leadership of Roger Walsh. We found a workmen's building site where they had mixed



their mortar, built a fire and taken their tea - (or was it beer?) breaks whilst extending the Manor building.

By this time it was becoming known in the village that I was interested in its history and invitations came to speak to groups like the Residents' Association and to visit elderly people in their homes to hear about the old times and look at their photographs. Preparing talks meant that it was important to have all my information well organised and I chose to use folders, box files and index cards. Even now work sometimes gets out of hand if I do not get time to file it straight away or put names and dates on photographs.

I have not yet mentioned the use of past newspapers as a superb source of documentary evidence for a good part of the Victorian and Edwardian period - as well as later. Council meetings and magistrates courts were reported verbatim and one can obtain a flavour of the time that cannot be found elsewhere. The most exciting moment of my researches took place in front of the micro-film reader in Dartford Library. Mrs. Skone of Oakfield Lane had made it possible for me to borrow and transcribe Diaries written by Richard Combe Miller of Oakfield Lodge in the 1880's. The present owner of the Diaries, Mrs. Skone and myself wanted very much to know what Mr. & Mrs. Combe Miller looked like and we had approached several sources with negative results. Researching a completely different item I came to the year when photographs were first used in the local newspaper. Winding on to yet another page I came face to face with the Combe Millers! I was so delighted that I wanted to run down the room yelling "I've found them...I've found them!" Taking some deep breaths to control my excitement I took careful note of the paper, date and page and on returning home wrote to The British Museum for five copies of the delightful find.

Maidstone Archives proved to be another place of absorbing interest. The Austen Estate map was so brown and brittle that it could not even be photographed. It was necessary to make several visits in order to draw it. From these drawings came the coloured ones and later these were developed, together with the Twiselton Estate map, into an 18th Century map on A3 paper. The Tithe map is very cumbersome and time consuming to read so I spent some time redrawing it to the smaller scale adding as much information as possible. There is yet the 20th Century one to do to the same scale, but that will have to wait.

Maidstone Archives also contain some of the wills and inventories of a great variety of Kentish people as well as the Parish Records of baptisms, marriages and burials. Alex allowed me to photocopy the Colyer-Ferguson transcripts of the Wilmington records and it has been most helpful to have them within easy reach when a family history enquiry arrives on my doormat. As a result of this correspondence I now have friends in many parts of the world and occasionally meet them when they visit the land of their forbears.

When Mrs. Morgan came to visit Sidcup several years ago it was discovered in the course of conversation that her Grandfather, Alfred Dewey, a well-known Sidcup photographer had retired to Wilmington. I wonder what he would think of it now with a six lane roadway destroying the valley of cherry orchards and developers reaching out their tentacles into the farmlands. Turnagain, the house in which he lived, is now part of a dogs' boarding kennels, but many of the elderly people remember Mr. Dewey. One recalls how he used to enjoy dressing up as Father Christmas and giving toys to the less well-off children of the village. She said he was



a very thoughtful and loving man.

What is next in the local history line?

Well, apart from writing little illustrated booklets which are too expensive to publish, putting together articles for various journals and newsletters, researching the misdeeds which took Wilmingtons before the magistrates of the last two or three centuries, giving talks, answering family history enquiries, researching my own family history and working full time, is it surprising that my housework quite often gets neglected in favour of somewhat more interesting occupations?

I.E. Morris  
13th August 1988

Population Explosion

My 1988 Summer lunchtimes have been so disastrous weatherwise that I took to hiding myself in the reference room of the Bishopsgate Library in the City of London.

I soon forgot the deluge outside and thoroughly enjoyed myself leafing through books of interest to a very amateur local history buff.

The library has two Kelly's Directories on the shelves, Kent 1930 and Kent 1938 and as our area was within the County of Kent in the 30's I soon found Lamorbey in both books. I was struck with the volume of detail in 1938 compared to the 1930 reference book.

This fact highlights the great building programme of the New Ideal Homesteads that took place during this period (1938 Directory lists their office as Station Approach).

I propose listing the points that occur to me on the 1930 Directory and again for 1938.

Will you please let me have some feed back. Different points will occur to different people.

Frances Oxley



**LAMORBEY**, formerly called Lamorbey, converted, in modern times, into Lamabey, and Lamb Abbey, is a village and an ecclesiastical parish formed in 1840 from the civil parish of Bexley, and transferred on 1st October, 1910, by Local Government Board Order, to the civil parish of Fooks Cray (Sidcup). Sidcup station, on the North Kent loop line of the Southern railway, is in this parish. The village is 2 miles west from Bexley and 5 west from Dartford, in the Dartford division of the county, lathe of Sutton-at-Hone, hundred of Ruxley, union, petty sessional division, county court district and rural deanery of Dartford, archdeaconry and diocese of Rochester. The church of the Holy Trinity, which was erected and endowed in 1879 by John Malcolm esq. is in the Early English style, and has one bell: there are some stained windows and tablets to Lieut.-Col. Edward Beamish B.A. of Bombay, d. 1892, and to Lieut. Leonard Neill Malcolm, son of John Malcolm esq. who was killed at the battle of Inkerman, 5 Nov. 1854: the church affords 500 sittings. The register of baptisms dates from 1840. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £384, with residence, in the gift of Sir Ian Zachary Malcolm K.C.M.G. and held since 1930 by the Rev. Lawrence T. S. Barrett B.A. of Christ's College, Cambridge. There is a Mission

church in Days lane. The Greenwich and Deptford Children's (Greenwich Union) Homes consist of a series of large and small houses for 578 children, and were inaugurated October, 1902: there are four large houses, each containing 53 boys, and 22 houses for girls and infants, each containing 15, and four probation homes; there are also workshops, an infirmary, bakehouse, laundry, gymnasium, swimming bath and schools; the whole stands within the spacious grounds of the Old Hollies House, which is used for an administrative block. The population in 1921 was 2,149.

**Letters through Sidcup, Kent**

**HALFWAY STREET**, near Sidcup station on a branch line of the Southern railway, was a village, but is now part of Lamorbey, and about half a mile north from Sidcup.

**BLACK FEN** is a mile and a half north. Town Sub-Post Office, Halfway Street. Letters through Sidcup, nearest M. O. & T. office

Town Sub-Post Office, Black Fen. Letters through Sidcup, nearest M. O. & T. office

**LAMORBEY.**

**PRIVATE RESIDENTS.**

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

- Alexander Frederick Matthias, Penhill house (letters through Bexley)
- Anderson John E. 105 Station road
- Bartlett Lt.-Col. Franklin Ethelbert T.D. 21 Hatherley crescent
- Bee Thomas J. 11 Hatherley crescent
- Brewer George, 109 Station road
- Bristow Frederick Wm. 13 Hatherley crescent
- Brownson Thomas K., M.A. 33 Longlands road
- Clark Jas. M.B., C.M. 2 Longlands rd
- Clarke Mrs. M. A. C. 102 Station rd
- Clayden Nathan, 10 Longlands road
- Collins Henry Akerman Desmond, 9 Hatherley crescent
- Crouch Miss, 9 Longlands road
- Foster Col. Sir Richard Foster Carter G.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. 29 Longlands road
- Goodwin Rev. Arthur William M.A. 12 Longlands road
- Grafton Mrs. 25 Longlands road
- Hambleton Mrs. 17 Longlands road
- Herbert Henry S. 114 Station road
- Hurst Miss, 23 Hatherley crescent
- Kidner Arthur Richard, 97 Station rd
- Knowles Herbert Norman, 110 Station road
- Lepine Cecil Henry, 107 Station road

- Membrey Mrs. E. J. 95 Station road
- Miller T. Davidson M.B. 99 Station rd
- Neill Walter, Abbey hill
- Nicholson Mrs. M. L. 5 Longlands rd
- Percy Cedric P. Hatherley crescent
- Rivers Mrs. 4 Hatherley crescent
- Rundall Mrs. D. L. 103 Station road
- Sayer Joseph Henry, 108 Station rd
- Stuckey Leonard Cecil, 8 Longlands road
- Taylor William, 100 Station road
- Temple Maj. George M.C. 21 Longlands road
- Tillyard Charles J. 101 Station road
- Titmuss Albert Geo. 11 Longlands rd
- Vickers John Henry, 27 Longlands rd
- Weaver Robert B. 93 Station road
- Westaway Eng.-Rear-Admiral A. E. L. (retd.), 15 Longlands road

**COMMERCIAL.**

- Andrews Christine (Miss), preparatory school, 112 Station rd
- Austral Dance Studio (Miss Ninette Austral, principal), 37 Longlands rd. T N Sidcup 35
- Bartlett Jn. & Sons, solctrs. (attend) 111 Station rd
- Bentley Geo. motor car propr. Railway approach T N Sidcup 97
- Cockerell Geo. J. & Co. coal mers. Station approach. T N Sidcup 7
- Creasey Jn. B. estate agt. see Dyer, Son & Creasey

- Creasey B. Douglas, estate agt. see Dyer, Son & Creasey
- Downes Hy. Jn. coal mer. Station approach. T N Sidcup 481
- Dunn Hy. builder, Station approach
- Dyer, Son & Creasey, estate agts. 111 Station rd. T N Sidcup 223
- Fairbairn Alfd. Thos. boot repr. Station approach
- Gill H. H. refrshmnt. rms. Railway approach
- Hill Florence Eliz. (Mrs.), milliner, Station approach
- Holmans Stephen E., M.B.C.V.S. veterinary surgn. Railway approach
- Miller T. Davidson M.B. B.S.Durb., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond (frmr. Sutton, Duffett & Miller), physcn. & surgn. & medical officer Sidcup Cottage Hospital, Station rd. T N Sidcup 95
- Ray Arth. & Co. estate agts. Railway approach. T N Sidcup 648
- Sabel E. W. & Son, tobaccns. Railway approach
- Southworth Jsph. watch repr. Railway approach
- Station Hotel (Mrs. L. O'Donnell), Railway approach. T N Sidcup 335
- Sutton, Duffett & Miller, physcn. & surgn. 99 Station rd. T N Sidcup 95
- Young Jn. garage propr. Station Hotel yard. T N Sidcup 107

**HALFWAY STREET.**

(Marked thus † receive letters thro' Eltham. The remainder through Sidcup, Kent.)

**PRIVATE RESIDENTS.**

- (For T.N.'s see general list of Private Residents at end of book.)
- Ainger Edward A. The Tudors
  - Barrett Rev. Lawrence T. S., B.A. (vicar of Lamorbey), The Vicarage
  - Beamish Miss, 52 Halfway Street road
  - Ebbels Charles S. Forest lodge
  - Jopp Mrs. Wilhelmina H. Halfway Street farm
  - Potton Thomas Henry, White house
  - Williamson Arthur John, 23 Halfway Street road

**COMMERCIAL.**

- Allen Stanley J. Old Black Horse P.H. Alleyway Thos. grocer, 130 Corbylands rd
- Bunyan Albt. Jas. refrshmnt. rms. Days la
- Davey Hilda (Mrs.), laundry
- Dunn Hy. bldr. 118 Station rd. & 57 Halfway Street rd. T N Sidcup 62
- Lunn Stanley (Mrs.), florist, 138 Station rd
- Ellis Arth. Fredk. nurseryman, Wingfield
- Einas Fras. & Alfd. market gardeners, Days farin, Days la. T N Sidcup 331
- Fortes Jn. W. nurseryman
- Frances (Peithers & Waly, proprs.), drapers, 128a, Station rd
- Goddard Hy. grocer, 134 Station rd
- Grace Jn. nurseryman, Cambria nursery
- Greenwich & Deptford Children's Homes (Herbt. Ashworth, supt.; Mrs. H. Ashworth, matron; Rev. Arth. W. Goodwin M.A. chaplain). T N Sidcup 85

- Haywood Arth. greengro. 33 Corbylands rd
- Jarrett Arth. boot repr. 123 Corbylands rd
- Kemp Alfd. J. window cleaner, 121 Corbylands rd
- Kemp Rhoda Ann (Mrs.), greengro. 55 Halfway Street rd
- King Arth. Hy. blacksmith, 45 Halfway Street rd
- Lamorbey Park Residential Hotel. T N's Sidcup 454 & 455
- Lane Wltr. timber mer. Station rd. T N Sidcup 383
- Leech Chas. Rd. bldr. Day's la. T N Sidcup 403
- Nash Bros. motor car proprs. T N Sidcup 384
- Potter Maurice H. cycle agt. 136 Station rd
- Rappitt Thos. boot mkr. 130 Station rd
- Robins Stores (London) Ltd. grocers, Halfway st
- Sidcup Golf Club (W. H. D. Chamberlain, sec.), Lamorbey pk. T N Sidcup 150
- South London Iron Co. Ltd. (The) (Oliver Bassett, mgr. & sec.), who ironmngs. Station rd. T N Sidcup 162
- Spicer Arth. newsagt. 132 Station rd
- Steadman Wltr. Horace, cartage conctr. 92 Corbylands rd. T N Sidcup 416
- Stone Reuben, chimney sweep, 37 Corbylands rd
- Thompson Linda (Mrs.), shopkpr. 13, Days la
- United Dairies (London) Ltd. dairy men. T N Sidcup 1221
- Vinson Harry, frmr. Halfway St. frm
- Walker Hy. W. bldr. Arnsby. T N Sidcup 1224
- Wayling Ellen C. (Mrs.), shopkpr

- Wilson Hy. golf professional, Sidcup Golf club. T N Sidcup 150
- Woolway Edwin Jn. grocer & sub-postmaster, Post office, 45 Halfway Street rd

**BLACK FEN.**

**PRIVATE RESIDENTS.**

- Keen Henry, Woodlands
- Martel Brig.-Gen. Sir Charles Philip C.B. Queenswood

**COMMERCIAL.**

- Blackall Geo. M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H. physcn. & surgn. (attends daily)
- Blackfen Preparatory School (Mrs. Bosa May Ashdown, principal)
- Brain Arth. Hy. insur. agt. Noyadd
- Brittons (Fredk. Chas. Rudland. propr.), butchers
- Davies Thos. Edwd. metal mer
- Pindlay Jas. refrshmnt. rms
- Gilberts Stores, grocers
- Godfrey T. E. nurseryman
- Groombridge Florence M. (Mrs.), shopkpr. Blendon (letters through Bexley)
- Harvey Jn. Alfd. Woodman P.H
- Haselden Wm. Hy. plasterer. T N Bexley Heath 277
- Hendey Jsph. Jn. shopkpr. T N Bexley Heath 663
- Howard Rose (Mrs.), midwife
- Lawrence Wm. nurseryman
- Leeper Fredk. Jas. fried fish dlr
- Lowdell Fredk. newsagt
- Payne E. J. & Co. bldrs. Altern. T N Bexley Heath 807
- Reynolds Jennie (Miss), shopkpr. & post office
- Roberts Wilfrid C. shopkpr
- Sinclair Jn. refrshmnt. rms

KELLY'S 1930 DIRECTORY



KELLY'S 1930 DIRECTORY ON LAMORBEY ITEMS LISTED FOR INSTANCE -

1. Mission Church in Days Lane.
2. Greenwich & Deptford Children's Homes at the Hollies.
3. F.M. Alexander resident of Penhill House.
4. Walter Neill resident of Abbeyhill.
5. J.R. & R.D. Creasey of Dyer Son & Creasey.
6. Geo. Bentley Motor Car Proprietor . Railway Approach!  
H.J. Downes Coal Merchant . Station Approach!  
Railway & Station Approach one & same?
7. H. Gill running refreshment rooms at Railway Approach.
8. Miss Beamish living at 52 halfway Street Road (House now in ruins).
9. C.S. Ebbels of Forest Lodge.
10. Lamorbey Park Residential Hotel . Tel.No. Sidcup 454 & 455.  
(Today 300 (Footscray) 3054)
11. M.H. Potter Cycle Agent . 136 Station Road (still in business).
12. Harry Vinson . Halfway Street Farm.
13. Henry Keen of Woodlands, Blackfen.
14. Brig.General Sir Charles Martel at Queenswood.



KELLY'S 1938 DIRECTORY

**LAMORBEY**, formerly called Lamienby, converted, in modern times, into Lamabey, and Lamb Abbey, is an ecclesiastical parish formed in 1840 from the civil parish of Bexley, and transferred on 1st October, 1910, by Local Government Board Order to the civil parish of Fools Cray (Sidcup). Sidcup station on the North Kent loop line of the Southern railway, is in this parish. The district is 2 miles west from Bexley and 5 west from Dartford, in the Dartford division of the county, 14th of Sutton-at-Hone, hundred of Ruxley, petty sessional division, county court district and rural deanery of Chislehurst, archdeaconry and diocese of Rochester. Gas and electricity are available. Water is supplied by the Metropolitan Water Board (Kent District) from works at Orpington, Eynsford and Wilmington. The church of the Holy Trinity, which was erected and endowed in 1879 by John Malcolm esq. is in the Early English style, and has one bell; there are some stained windows and tablets to Lt.-Col. Edward Beamish B.A. of Bombay, d. 1892, and to Lt. Leonard Neill Malcolm, son of John Malcolm esq. who was killed at the battle of Inkerman, 5 Nov. 1854; the church affords 500 sittings. The register of baptisms dates from 1840. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £419, with residence, in the gift of Sir Ian Zachary Malcolm K.C.M.G. and held since 1930 by the Rev. Lawrence T. S. Barrett B.A. of Christ's College, Cambridge. The church of the Holy Redeemer was erected and endowed in 1933. The church is a reinforced concrete building with silver-grey brick panels and affords 350 sittings. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £400, with residence, in the gift of

the Bishop of Rochester, and held since 1933 by the Rev. John Alfred Clarence Rogers M.A. of Trinity College, Cambridge, who resides at Dartford. The London County Council Lamorley Children's Homes consist of a series of large and small houses for 578 children, and were inaugurated in 1902; there are four large houses, each containing 56 boys, and 13 large houses for girls and infants, each containing 30; there are also workshops, an infirmary, bakehouse, laundry, gymnasium, swimming bath and schools; the whole stands within the grounds of the Old Hollies House, which is used for an administrative block. The population in 1931 was 4,496.

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**TERRITORIAL ARMY.**

Royal Artillery.

207th Anti-Aircraft Battery, 58th Brigade, Lamorley house

Royal Engineers.

347th (Kent) Anti-Aircraft Company, 29th Battalion, Lamorley house; Maj. W. E. Hewitt M.C. officer commanding; Sergt. J. W. Morgan, instructor

**HALFWAY STREET**, near Sidcup station on a branch line of the Southern railway, was a village, but is now part of Lamorley, and about half a mile north from Sidcup.

**BLACKFEN** is a mile and a half north. The Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary is a chapel of ease to Welling; it was erected in 1937 and will seat 400 persons. The Baptist chapel in Days lane was erected in 1934, with 350 seats.

Town Sub-Post & M. O. Offices: 108 Blackfen rd.; 227 Blackfen road; 170 Halfway Street; 41 The Oval; Town Sub-Post Office, 45 Halfway Street

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PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

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Abrahamson Hans, 150 Halfway st.  
Barrett Rev. Lawrence T. S., B.A. (vicar), The Vicarage  
Bartlett Lt.-Col. Franklin Ethelbert T.D. 21 Hatherley crescent  
Bee Thomas J. 11 Hatherley crescent  
Bristow Frederick Wm. 13 Hatherley crescent  
Carlsson Carl Petter M.B. 130 Walton road  
Coates Charles Joseph Adams, 30 Oaklands avenue  
Cross Henry Cherney Denison M.B. 120 Willersley avenue  
DesLandes Mrs. W. B. 158 Longlands road  
Hamilton Maj. James (ret.), 162 Longlands road  
Kar Rafani M., M.B. 2 Rowley av  
Lane Douglas Wakeford, 154 Longlands road  
Messinier Edwin B. 82 Marlborough Park avenue  
Miller T. Davidson M.B. 99 Station rd  
O'Keefe Thomas M.B. 231 Burnt Oak lane  
Prestwick John Hy. 172 Longlands rd  
Rundall Mrs. D. L. 103 Station road  
Shadwell Lancelot Wltr. 9 Hurst rd  
Stuckey Leonard Cecil, 201 Longlands road  
Talbot Albt. Edwd. 164 Longlands rd  
Temple Col. George M.C. 166 Longlands road  
Tillyard Charles J. 101 Station road  
Toussaint Charles Hugh Christie, 207 Longlands road  
Vickers Jn. Hy. 160 Longlands road  
Warner Norman Steffan Heegaard, 107 Station road  
Wood Ronald W. 136 Halfway street

COMMERCIAL.

Abrahamson Hans L.R.C.P. & S. Edin., L.R.F.P.S.Glas. physcn. & surgn. 150 Halfway st. & (attends 2.30 to 3 p.m. & 8.30 to 9 p.m. daily, except thurs. 2.30 to 3 p.m. only) 103 Longlands rd. Fooths Cray 1680  
Adams Chas. insur. agt. 1 Woodlands av  
Alcock Eleanor Maud (Miss) S.R.N. midwife, 171 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3193  
Alem's (V. Peake & E. Birks, proprietors), newsagts. 197 Day's la  
Alleway Emily (Miss), grocer, 134 Corbylands rd  
Anchor Stores (Barclay, Perkins & Co. Ltd. proprs.), wine & spirit mers. 230 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3234  
Andrews Christine (Miss), preparatory school, 112 Station rd  
Andrews Wltr. Herbt. bldrs.' mer. 493 Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 836  
Archer Thos. Alfd. plumber, 19 Wellington av  
Ash Elsie Ivy (Mrs.), wool dlr. 180b, Halfway st  
Ashby Hy. gents' hairdrrsr. 44 Blackfen rd  
Austral Dancing Studio (Miss Ninette Austral, principal), 144 to 150 Longlands rd. Fooths Cray 2035  
Auto-Car Motors (Clarke & Tuck, proprs.), 235 Halfway st. Fooths Cray 2450  
Bacon A. H. hardware dlr. 168 Halfway Street rd. Fooths Cray 3  
Ball R. & D. G. booksllrs. 9 The Oval. Fooths Cray 2854

Banks Frank Edwin, car wrecker, 401 Blackfen rd  
Barber & Son, bakers, 238 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3243  
Barclays Bank Ltd. (H. J. Hughes, manager), 113 Station rd. (Fooths Cray 1456) & (sub-branch to Eltham) Blackfen rd. (Bexley Heath 1496); head office, 54 Lombard st. London E.C. 3  
Barker Geo. Wm. insur. agt. 23 Raeburn rd  
Barker Jn. Wm. genl. dlr. 383 Blackfen rd  
Barker Violet Victoria (Mrs.), genl. dlr. 195 Day's la  
Barnes H. Jas. A.C.A. chartrd. acctnt. 120 Burnt Oak la. Fooths Cray 2733  
Bata Shoe Co. (British) Ltd. boot & shoe dlrs. 131 Station rd. & 1 Gloucester par. Blackfen rd  
Bates E. F. butcher, 6 Central par. Station rd. Fooths Cray 1924  
Bates Harry Fred, café, 161 Station rd. Fooths Cray 1676  
Beck Jas. bldr. 20 Corbylands rd. Fooths Cray 1334  
Bell & Sons, butchers, 178 Halfway st. Fooths Cray 583  
Bentley Geo. motor car propr. Railway approach. Fooths Cray 2097  
Blackall, Wood, Craven & Geddes, physicians, 136 Halfway street (Fooths Cray 1274) & (attend daily except fri. 9 to 9.30 a.m. & 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.), 211 Blackfen road. Eltham 3228  
Blackfen Garage (W. Brown, propr.), motor engrs. 190 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3264  
Blackfen Lighting, Heating & Plumbing Service (S. T. Pedlingham, manager), 223 Blackfen rd. Eltham 1576  
Blackfen Social Club (F. Burt, sec.), 425 Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 2704  
Blanks Geo. plumber, 419 Blackfen rd  
Blue School (The) (Mrs. Ashdown, principal), commrc. school, 217 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3258  
Boots The Chemists, 21 The Oval  
Bon-Bon (Mrs. L. E. Harrisop, proprietress), toy dlrs. 18 Wellington par. Blackfen rd  
Bottomley Wltr. Arth. window cleaner, Harborough av  
Boughen Chas. bldr. 7 Gloucester av  
Bradley Alfd. Geo. toy dlr. 258 Sherwood Park av  
Bratton Gladys (Mrs.), teacher of pianoforte, 55 Marlborough Park av  
Brewer C. & E. Ltd. fruitrs. 13 & 49 The Oval. Fooths Cray 2231  
Brierley Rowena (Mrs.), dressmkr. 33 Annandale rd  
Brittain Aubrey P.R.C.O. teacher of pianoforte, School lodge, Hurst rd  
Bronte Art Dyers & Cleaners, 232a, Blackfen rd  
Brown Clement Victor, hardware dlr. 39 The Oval. Fooths Cray 2877  
Brown S. W. haulage contrctr. 12 Ashcroft av  
Brown Thos. coal mer. 343 Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 932  
Bullen Jeanie (Miss) T.C.L. pianoforte teacher, 366 Blackfen rd  
Bushnell Alfd. Chas. boot repr. 172 Sherwood Park av  
Butcher, Curnow & Co. Ltd. chemists, 121 Station rd. Fooths Cray 1088  
Butwick Barnett, boot & shoe dlr. 17 The Oval  
Campbell Colin, chemist, 246 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3248

Carlsson Carl Petter M.B., Ch.B. physcn. & surgn. 130 Walton rd. Fooths Cray 1254  
Carter K. E. & Co. (Kenneth E. Carter, propr.), estate agts. 100 Station rd. Fooths Cray 2312  
Carter Chas. Jas. confctnr. 242 Blackfen rd. (Eltham 1119) & 10 Wellington par. Blackfen rd  
Cayzer Evelyn (Mrs.), midwife, 57 Canterbury av  
Chamberlaine Edwd. P. decrtr. 64 Harborough av  
Chaplins, grocers, 188 Halfway st  
Clarks (Sidcup) Shoe Repairs Ltd. 166 Halfway st. Fooths Cray 2644  
Claudia (Edwd. Gritten, propr.), ladies' hairdrrsr. 4 Wellington par. Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 1324  
Clever Mary E. (Mrs.), circulating library, 176 Halfway st  
Coates Chas. Josph. Adams L.R.C.P. & S. Edin., L.R.F.P.S.Glas. physcn. & surgn. 30 Oaklands av. Fooths Cray 1798  
Cockerell Geo. J. & Co. coal mers. Station approach. Fooths Cray 2007  
Coleman Louis, motor haulage contractor, 2 Wellington av  
Coomber Bros. ironmngrs. 224 Sherwood Park av. Bexley Heath 1503  
Copeland's (V. Peake & E. Birks, proprs.), newsagts. 280 Days la. Bexley Heath 985  
Cosh Edwd. Fras. Harold, insur. agt. 35 Maple cres  
County Library (Blackfen branch) (Miss J. B. A. Conlin B.A., F.O.A. librarian), Cedar av. Fooths Cray 3010  
Courtney & Co. provsn. dlrs. 33 The Oval  
Cowne Chas. Edwd. Andrews N.D., D.O. osteopath, 28 Willersley av. Fooths Cray 2067  
Creasey Jn. B. estate agt. see Dyer, Son & Creasey  
Creasey R. Douglas, estate agt. see Dyer, Son & Creasey  
Crook Chas. chimney sweeper, 388 Blackfen rd  
Cross Hy. Cherney Denison M.B., Ch.B. Edin. physcn. & surgn. 120 Willersley av  
Cullen Stores Ltd. grocers, 15 The Oval. Fooths Cray 2855  
Dale J. & F. bldrs. 471 Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 1298  
Davies G. D. plumber, 41 Wellington av  
Davies Winifred (Mrs.), hairdrrsr. 192 Halfway st. Fooths Cray 1370  
Daw Elsie (Miss), ladies' hairdrrsr. 22 Wellington par. Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 1939  
Dewhurst J. H. Ltd. butchers, 25 The Oval. Fooths Cray 2927  
Diamond Wallpaper Co. Ltd. 16 Wellington par. Blackfen rd. (Eltham 3480) & 139 Station rd. Fooths Cray 1952  
Doggett Meavi E. M., C.S.M.M.G. masseuse, 51 Cavendish av. Fooths Cray 2520  
Dorothy's, drapers, 155 Station rd  
Drawwater J. G. bldr. 35a, Wellington par. Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 1829  
Dugay Stephen Geo. Ernest, insur. agt. 43 Beech av  
Dunn E. A. undertaker, 128 Station rd. Fooths Cray 2062  
Dunn Stanley (Mrs.), florist, 148 Station rd. Fooths Cray 553  
Dyer, Son & Creasey, estate agts. 111 Station rd. Fooths Cray 2272 & 2273



Eads Ida Grace (Mrs.), boot & shoe dlr. 237 Blackfen rd  
 Edmunds Reguld. Jas. statnr. & post office, 41 The Oval. Fooths Cray 2036  
 Edwards E. (Mrs.), shirt & collar dresser, 67 Halfway st  
 Ellis Arth. Fredk. nurseryman, Wingfield pl  
 Ernsting Reguld. Jas. dentist, 216 Blackfen rd  
 Etherington Annie (Miss), confctnr. 7 Wellington par. Blackfen rd  
 Express Dairy Co. Ltd. dairymen, 1 The Oval. Fooths Cray 2046  
 Fairbairn Alfd. Thos. boot repr. Station approach. Fooths Cray 2580  
 Findlay W. & Co. Ltd. confctnrs. 8 Central par. Station rd. & 188c. Halfway st  
 Fords Ltd. fishmngrs. 133 Station rd. Fooths Cray 3651  
 Fortes Jn. W. nurseryman, Halfway st  
 Foster Leslie Hector A.C.V. teacher of violin, 138 Burnt Oak la  
 Frances, draper, 128a, Station rd  
 Freeth Ida Marian (Miss) A.L.C.M. teacher of pianoforte, 251 Day's la  
 Gibbs Fredk. Wm. teacher of pianoforte, 21 Wellington av  
 Gilroy Doris Evelyn (Miss) M.N.I.Ch. chiropodist, 138a, Station rd. Fooths Cray 2891  
 Gill W. H. refreshmnt. rms. Station approach  
 Girling Arth. Laurence, sign writer, 195 Sherwood Park av. Bexley Heath 1332  
 Goddard Hv. grocer, 134 Station rd. Fooths Cray 2305  
 Godfrey T. E. nurseryman, 435 Blackfen rd  
 Goodwin Arth. Edwd. boot repr. 188c, Halfway st  
 Goodworths, grocers, 6 Gloucester par. Blackfen rd  
 Grace Lily (Mrs.), nurseryman, 241 Halfway st  
 Green Daisy Winifred, draper, 240 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3507  
 Gregar Albt. watch mkr. 44 Day's la. Fooths Cray 1530  
 Groom Harvey, gents' outfitter, 37 The Oval. Fooths Cray 2940  
 Groombridge Garth, cycle dlr. 497 Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 58  
 Grove Fredk. A. butcher, 162 Halfway st  
 Groves Leonard Alfd. insur. agt. 24 Crombie rd  
 Gwen (Mrs. Alice Jewitt, proprietress), ladies' hairdrrsr. 239 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3478  
 Hadley Alfd. Gregory, car wrecker, 32 Ashcroft av. Bexley Heath 1038  
 Haffenden Arth. Horace, insur. agt. 18 Woodlands av  
 Haiselden Wm. chemist, 248 Sherwood Park av. Bexley Heath 1418  
 Hales Libraries (F. H. Sanderson, propr.), 14a, Wellington rd. Blackfen rd  
 Halfway Garage, motor engnrs. 180 Halfway st. Fooths Cray 1127  
 Halfway Social Club (W. F. Ross, sec.), 176 Halfway st  
 Hall Arth. butcher, 137 Station rd. Fooths Cray 1077  
 Hammant Jsp. F.B.O.A. consulting optician, 5 Harland av  
 Hammond Gladys (Miss), teacher of pianoforte, 147 Burnt Oak la  
 Hammond Marjorie (Miss), ladies' hairdrrsr. 142 Station rd. Fooths Cray 2844  
 Hancock Louisa Minnie (Miss), corset agt. 47 Marlborough Park av. Fooths Cray 1830  
 Hardy A. & H. genl. drapers, 45 The Oval  
 Harloe Maurice Edwd. newsagt. 57 Halfway st. Fooths Cray 3187

Harrington C. G. Ltd. building contractors, 48 Halfway st. Fooths Cray 1692  
 Hearn A. & A. fishmngrs. 196 Halfway st. Fooths Cray 3126  
 Hearts of Oak Benefit Society (C. W. Leach, agt.), 2 Lamorbey close  
 Hodgkiss Jas. Rd. fruitr. 218 Blackfen rd  
 Hodgkiss Leonard, fishmng. 236a, Blackfen rd. Eltham 3195  
 Hodgson Norman, fishmng. 3 Central par. Station rd. Fooths Cray 1787  
 Holton & Co. fruitr. 12 Wellington par. Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 435  
 Home Counties Medical & Sickness Benefit Society (E. B. Hancock, sec.), 36 Pinewood av  
 Home & Garden Stores (H. W. Steele), genl. ironmngrs. 198 Halfway st. Fooths Cray 1356  
 Home Pride Supply Stores, bldrs.' mers. 224 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3259  
 Huberts, hairdrrsr. 254 Sherwood Park av. Bexley Heath 972  
 Hummerstone P. G., F.A.L.P.A. estate agt. 35 Wellington par. Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 1829  
 Hunter Wilfrid Harry Percy, circulating library, 182 Harcourt av  
 Hutton H. L. newsagt. 242 Sherwood Park av  
 Hyder Alberta (Mrs.), watch mkr. 312 Blackfen rd  
 Ideal Property Trust, 219 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3480  
 Ideal Sports & Social Club (The) (L. A. Connelly, sec.), Hurst rd. Fooths Cray 2435  
 Imms Leslie Geo. decrtr. 103 Wellington av. Bexley Heath 2775  
 Jackson Jack Hughes, insur. brkr. 34 Pinewood av. Fooths Cray 2609  
 Jenkins Norris, paving contrctr. 439 Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 1016  
 Johnson Reguld. Archld. L.D.S., M.B.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond. dental surgn. 173 Halfway st. Fooths Cray 2171  
 Kar Rafani M., M.B. physcn. & surgeon, 2 Rowley av  
 Keech A. T. dentist, 109 Longlands rd  
 Key Chas. Norman, shopkpr. 28 Blackfen rd  
 King Arth. Hy. blacksmith, 45 Halfway st  
 Lamorbey Children's Homes (London County Council) (Jsp. Harper, supt.; Mrs. J. Harper, matron), Halfway st. Fooths Cray 2085  
 Lamorbey District Nursing Association (A. H. Thompson, sec.), 327 Halfway st  
 Lamorbey Labour Party (headquarters), Wellington av  
 Lamorbey Park Residential Hotel. Fooths Cray 3054 & 3055  
 Lane Wlfr. Ltd. timber mers. Station rd. Fooths Cray 2  
 Lane's, statnrs. 141 Station rd. Fooths Cray 1317  
 Larler Wm. Rt. gents' hairdrrsr. 140a, Station rd  
 Lawrence Fredk. Wm. coal mer. 15 Wingfield pl  
 Lawrence Wm. nurseryman, 70 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3394  
 Leech C. R. bldr. 214 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3187  
 Lewis A. & Co. (Westminster) Ltd. tobecnsts. 129 Station rd  
 Lewis H. & Son, bakers, 190 Halfway st  
 Lewis Stores, grocers, 231 Blackfen rd  
 Lill Maurice Fredk. sign writer, 101 Day's la  
 Linton Edwd. butcher, 3 & 11 Wellington par. Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 1774

Lockyer Alfd. Victor, cycle agt. 232 Blackfen rd  
 Lodge Harold Wlfr. Leonard, confctnioner, 473 Blackfen rd  
 Logans Retail Trades Ltd. bakers, 149 Station rd. Fooths Cray 1918  
 Long Lily (Mrs.), draper, 228 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3192  
 Loosley's Ltd. toy dlrs. 151 Station rd. Fooths Cray 1611  
 Lovibond John & Sons Ltd. wine & spirit mers. 164 Halfway st. Fooths Cray 1186  
 Luckhurst Jn. P. tobecnst. 51 The Oval (Fooths Cray 3107); 3 Station par. Station rd. & 182 Halfway st  
 M'Cube Fredk. refreshmnt. rms. 475 Blackfen rd  
 Maison Nnette (C. R. Shorter, propr.), hairdrrsr. 4 Central par. Station rd. Fooths Cray 1696  
 Mann, Crossman & Paulin Ltd. wine & spirit mers. 93 Station rd. Fooths Cray 2310  
 Marlborough Bakeries (W. C. Lee, propr.), 186a, Halfway st. & 23 The Oval  
 Marlborough Pharmacy (The) (F. Warren), chemists, 3 The Oval. Fooths Cray 2851  
 Marlborough Social & Sports Club (J. V. Symmons, hon. sec.), Burnt Oak la  
 Marshall J. S., F.I.O., F.B.O.A. ophthalmic optician (attends), 178 Blackfen rd  
 Martin Thos. monumental sculptor, 146 Station rd. Fooths Cray 3406  
 Maternity & Child Welfare Centre (Kent County Council) (tues. wed. & fri. 2 to 4 p.m.; anti-natal clinic fri. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Baptist church, Day's la  
 Mathews & Sons Ltd. cooked meat dlrs. 115 Station rd. Fooths Cray 1037  
 Maynard's, fishmngrs. 19 The Oval  
 Merrington Chas. Jsp. insur. agt. 42 Hurst rd  
 Messiner Edwin B., M.B.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond. physcn. & surgn. 82 Marlborough Park av. Fooths Cray 1197  
 Meyers Bros. fruitr. 135 Station rd. Fooths Cray 1875  
 Middleton T. N. motor cycle dlr. 315 Blackfen rd  
 Miller & Fulford, physcns. & surgns. 99 Station rd. Fooths Cray 2095  
 Miller J. Ltd. tobecnst. Station approach  
 Miller T. Davidson M.B., B.S. Durh., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.B.C.P.Lond. physcn. & surgn. (firm, Miller & Fulford), & medical officer Sidcup Cottage Hospital, 99 Station rd. Fooths Cray 2095  
 Milton Hy. Ernest, refreshmnt. rms. 116 Blackfen rd  
 Moore E. Wlfr. dentist, 178 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3133  
 Morgan Mabel Florence (Mrs.), gowns, 194 Halfway st. Fooths Cray 2944  
 Nankivell Philpa J. (Miss) L.R.A.M. teacher of pianoforte, 13 Faraday av. Fooths Cray 3678  
 National Deposit (Approved) Friendly Society (C. B. Turner, district sec.), 99 Blackfen rd  
 Neave Saml. Hy. bldrs.' mer. 17 Wellington par. Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 912  
 New Ideal Homesteads Ltd. bldrs. Station approach. Fooths Cray 1591  
 Newham's, hairdrrsr. 123 Station rd  
 Odeon Cinema (J. S. Brookes, manager), 157 Station rd. Fooths Cray 1609  
 O'Keefe Thos. M.B., B.Ch. physcn. & surgn. 231 Burnt Oak la. (Fooths Cray 2747) & (attends 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon & 5.30 to 7 p.m.; sun. 10 to 11 a.m.) 289 Burnt Oak la



- O'Reilly Michl. gasftr. 12 Fen gro. Lee Green 0971
- Orridge Ronald, tobccnst. 142 Station rd. Foots Cray 2807
- Osthorpe & Son Ltd. wine & spirit mers. 5 The Oval. Foots Cray 2925
- Oval Electrical Stores (A. Solomons, propr.), radio dlrs. 43 The Oval. Foots Cray 2677
- Parry Thos. Wm. Jas. french polisher, 70 Rowley av
- Pastel A. B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. physcn. & surgn. (attends 10.15 to 11 a.m., 6 to 7 p.m. & 8.30 to 9 p.m. daily except wed. evening), 215 Halfway st
- Pearce A. J. carpnt. 45 Cavendish av
- Pearks Stores, grocers, 244 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3212
- Percy F. J. & Son, fried fish dlrs. 6 Wellington par. Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 1543
- Pernovena Commercial School (Edwd. J. Grant Inter. B.A. Lond. principal), 407 Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 2209
- Perry Saml. baker, 250 Sherwood Park av. Bexley Heath 1998
- Phil's Hairdressing Saloon, 34 Wellington par. Blackfen rd
- Playfoot Arth. F. fruitr. 2 Central par. Station rd. Foots Cray 2785
- Pollard & Co. auctnrs. 37 Hurst rd. Foots Cray 2647
- Potter Maurice H. cycle dlr. 136 Station rd
- Pringle Ernest, leather dlr. 225 Blackfen rd
- Pullen A. W. plumber, 258 Halfway st
- Racher Wltr. boot repr. 56 Blackfen rd
- Radio Maintenance & Supply Co. radio dlrs. 5 Wellington par. Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 1874
- Rappitt Thos. boot repr. 130 Station rd
- Rawson Lilian Eliz. (Miss) Q.N. district nurse, 74 Pinewood av. Foots Cray 1423
- Ray & Co. estate agts. Station approach. Foots Cray 2648
- Rees David, shopkpr. & post office, 227 Blackfen rd
- Regal Estates (R. Johnson & C. W. Currie, proprs.), estate agts. 23 Wellington rd. Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 1033
- Rema, wool dlrs. 29 The Oval
- Reynolds Florence Jennie (Miss), shopkpr. & post office, 180 Blackfen rd. Eltham 1385
- Ringer Tom & Son, fruirts. Wellington av
- Rooksbys A. E. & Son, butchers, 233 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3165
- Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society Ltd. 188 Halfway st. (Foots Cray 1624); 250 to 256 Blackfen rd. (Bexley Heath 1015) & (coal office) S. R. goods yard. Foots Cray 1089
- Royal Liver Friendly Society (T. H. Shaw, agt.), 111 Ramillies rd
- Russell's Libraries (D. M. Tod, propr.), 36 Wellington par. Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 1852
- Ryan Chas. cycle mkr. 21 Wellington par. Blackfen rd
- Sabel E. W. & Son, tobccnsts. 116 Station rd
- Savage (Builders) Ltd. bldrs. Station approach. Foots Cray 2648
- Saville Harold Fredk. domestic stores, 9 Wellington par. Blackfen rd
- Scoble Wltr. Geo. L.D.S.R.C.S. Eng. dental surgn. 270 Day's la. Bexley Heath 1422
- Seed Fredk. A. decrtr. 272 Halfway st
- Self Thos. Jn. Jas. plumber, 102 Blackfen rd
- Selmore Jn. grocer, 117 Station rd
- Senett Jacob, valet service, 35 The Oval
- Woods Geo. H. ladies' hairdrrsr. 102 Station rd
- Woolaway Edwin Jn. grocer & subpostmaster, Post office, 45 Halfway st
- Woolven E. M. (Mrs.), draper, 174 Halfway st. Foots Cray 1003
- Senett Mark, hairdrrsr. 27 The Oval
- Sidcup Timber Co. timber mers. Station approach. Foots Cray 1272
- Silversides Rd. B. G., D.C.T., Ph.C. chemist, 8 Wellington par. Blackfen rd
- Shadwell Lancelot Wltr. M.R.C.S. Eng. L.R.C.P. Lond. physcn. & surgn. 9 Hurst rd. Foots Cray 2912
- Shepherd Albt. Ernest, insur. agt. 106 Blackfen rd
- Shepherd Ronald, grocer, 221 Blackfen rd
- Shiers Albt. V. shopkpr. & post office, 170 Halfway st. Foots Cray 536
- Sidcup Coal & Coke Co. (J. C. Coughtrey, propr.), 60 to 66 Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 2157
- Sidcup Employment Agency (Miss D. M. Felton, proprietress), 120 Station rd. Foots Cray 1708
- Sidcup Golf Club Ltd. (H. W. McGowan, sec.), Lamorbey pk. Foots Cray 2150
- Sidcup Radio Service (E. C. Wright, propr.), wireless engnrs. 253 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3292
- Simmonds & Sons, bakers, 2 Gloucester par. Blackfen rd
- Skinner Wm. Jas. insur. agt. 182 Ramillies rd
- Smith & Foreman, boot & shoe dlrs. 242 Blackfen rd
- Smith A. F. herbal drug store, 255A, Blackfen rd. Eltham 3448
- Smith Albt. fruitr. 184 Halfway st. Foots Cray 1093
- Smith Eliz. E. (Miss), county midwife, 117 Longlands rd. Foots Cray 1728
- Smith Wltr. who. fruit. mer. 1 & 2 Wellington par. Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 1437
- Smith Wm. grocer, 243 Blackfen rd
- Smythe (Welling) Ltd. outfitters, 249 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3200
- South London Iron Co. Ltd. (The) (Oliver Bassett, manager & sec.), ironmngs. 126 Station rd. Foots Cray 2288
- Sparta Press (R. Taylor, propr.), printers, 14 Wellington par. Blackfen rd
- Stainton Rt. Anthony, boot & shoe dlr. 140 Station rd. Foots Cray 2841
- Station Hotel (Mrs. E. Perugia), Railway approach. Foots Cray 2098
- Station Pharmacy (Sidcup) Ltd. chemists, 138 Station rd
- Steadman Wltr. Horace, cartage contractor, 96 Corbylands rd. Foots Cray 2416
- Stent & Lintorn, butchers, 11 The Oval. Foots Cray 2835
- Stewart E. G. (Mrs.), artist, 256 Halfway st
- Stone Reuben, chimney sweeper, 59 Corbylands rd
- Sullivan Leonard, butcher, 220 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3197
- Sundridge Laundry (receiving office), 31 The Oval
- Sunman Hilda Edith (Mrs.) M.N.G.M., L.C.M. teacher of piano-forte, 148 Burnt Oak la. Foots Cray 2747
- Super-Wear (E. Pinnington, propr.), boot reprs. 15 Wellington par. Blackfen rd
- Taft Fredk. fishmng. 24 Wellington par. Blackfen rd
- Tapp Rose May (Miss) A.C.V. teacher of violn, 154 Day's la
- Targett R. A. chemist, 172 Halfway st. Foots Cray 2501
- Taylor Hy. confctnr. 226 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3297
- Taylor Sarah Jane (Miss), nurse, 51 Old Farm la
- Taylor Wltr. Jas. boot repr. 251 Blackfen rd. Eltham 1452
- Wren Wm. Jn. genl. dlr. 359 Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 762
- Ye Olde Black Horse Inn (Stanley J. Allen), Halfway st
- Young Alan, portable building mfr. 379 Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 762
- Thomas Eric, outfitter, 144 Station rd. Foots Cray 1628
- Thompson Arth. Edwd. furniture dlr. 19 & 20 Wellington par. Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 1811
- Thompson Linda (Mrs.), shopkpr. 53 Day's la
- Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society (A. Greenwood, local sec.), 107 Rowley av
- Turner Hector S. E. dentist, 298 Blackfen rd
- Turner L. W. gowns, 119 Station rd
- Turner's The Confectioners Ltd. 153 Station rd. Foots Cray 1389
- Twyman Ernest, grocer, 258A, Blackfen rd
- Tyne Main Coal Co. Ltd. coal mers. Station approach. Foots Cray 2743
- United Dairies (London) Ltd. dairymen, 248 Blackfen rd. (Eltham 3240); 160 Halfway st. (Eltham 2626, ex.) & 47 The Oval. Foots Cray 2942
- Vaughan —, grocer, 186 Halfway st
- Wade Fredk. decrtr. 65 Harcourt av
- Waites Ltd. estate office, 83 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3602
- Walk Round Furnishers Ltd. furniture dlrs. 105 Station rd. Foots Cray 3608
- Walker Bros. bldrs. 188b, Halfway st. Foots Cray 1224
- Walker T. & Son, bldrs. 180 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3233
- Wallowm Alfd. Jas. domestic stores, 252 Sherwood Park av. Bexley Heath 704
- Walton, Hassell & Port Ltd. grocers, 143 Station rd. Foots Cray 1403
- Wantzell Chas. Jn. fruitr. 118 Station rd. Foots Cray 3476
- Warner Norman Steffan Heegaard L.D.S.R.C.S. Eng. dental surgn. 107 Station rd. Foots Cray 2071
- Warren & Co. (M. Warren, propr.), bldrs.' mers. 387 Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 982
- Wayling Ellen C. shopkpr. 158 Halfway st. Foots Cray 1153
- Wellington Motors (Sidcup) Ltd. 309 to 313 Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 2020
- Wellington Radios (F. Murray, propr.), wireless supplies dlrs. 13 Wellington par. Blackfen rd. Bexley Heath 2064
- West Royle Edwd. hardware dlr. 229 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3251
- Wickenden Edwd. Rd. fruitr. 191 Day's la
- Wilkins Chas. Saml. chimney sweeper, 88 Norfolk cres
- Williams R. Colston M.R.C.S. Eng. ophthalmic surgn. (attends wed. 3 to 7 p.m.), 107 High st. Foots Cray 2071
- Willimott D. A. & Sons, boot reprs. 180 Halfway st
- Wilson Geo. Edwd. grocer, 162 Halfway st
- Wilson Hy. golf professional, Sidcup golf club, Lamorbey pk. Foots Cray 2150
- Wing Jsph. gents' hairdrrsr. 30 Wellington par. Blackfen rd
- Witham Jn. (Miss E. H. Harrison, proprietress), wool dlr. 257 & 226A, Blackfen rd. Eltham 3265
- Wood Leonard, furniture dlr. 235 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3066
- Wood Ronald W., L.M.S.S.A. Lond. physician (firm, Blackall, Wood, Craven & Geddes), 136 Halfway street. Foots Cray 1274
- Woodland Motor Service (Norton & Lange, proprs.), 50 & 52 Halfway st. Foots Cray 3106
- Woodlands Social Club (A. Cullingham, sec.), 241 Blackfen rd. Eltham 3216
- Woodman P.H. (Frank H. Street & Archld. C. Abbott), Blackfen rd
- Young Jn. garage propr. Station Hotel yard, Station approach. Foots Cray 2107
- Young Lily (Miss), milliner, Station approach



KELLY'S 1938 DIRECTORY ITEMS LISTED FOR INSTANCE -

1. Now mentions Gas & Electricity available. Water supplied by M.W.B. from works at Orpington, Eynsford & Wilmington.
2. Church of Holy Redeemer Days Lane erected in 1933.
3. Hollies now listed as L.C.C. Lamorbey Children's Home.
4. Territorial Army  
Royal Artillery & Royal Engineers now housed at Lamorbey House.
5. Two more Churches erected  
Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Rosary 1937  
Days Lane Baptist Chapel 1934.
6. Dr. Abrahamson of Halfway Street sits for ½ hour from 2.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.
7. Boots The Chemist at the Oval.
8. Kent County Library Blackfen listed  
Same telephone number as today - Footscray 3010 (300 3010).
9. Miss Gladys Hammond, Teacher of Pianoforte  
147 Burnt Oak Lane.
10. Rafani M. Kar, Physician & Surgeon of 2 Rowley Avenue.
11. Lamorbey Labour HQ now in Wellington Avenue.
12. Lamorbey Park - Tel.No. now recorded as Footscray 3054 & 3055.
13. Odeon Cinema, 157 Station Road.



### A 1760's Bath House

On an island in the River Cray, in the back garden of a house on the Bexley/Sidcup border, stands a unique and little known building, namely an 18C Bath House.

Originally part of Vale Mascal House, built sometime in the 1740's, this attractive building was possibly designed by 'Capability' Brown or one of his assistants. The gardens of Vale Mascal were considerably changed and the natural course of the river interfered with to cope with an elaborate system of sluices and drains to control the input and output of water, to and from the bath. (For plan and photographs see Arch. Cant. vol LXXXII, 1967.)

The fact that John Fitch Barker, one of the owners of Vale Mascal during the 1760's was an invalid, could mean that the Bath House was built for medical purposes. The British Museum has literature on this subject and lists Asthma, Baldness and Cancer as ailments cured by cold water dipping. Later it is said that it was used by young huntsmen as a cooling off place after an energetic day's hunting.

The building is almost square, with flint cobble walls and red tiled roof and is slightly ecclesiastical in appearance. The entrance is a straight sided opening with brick door jamb and two small slit windows on either side at eye level and two corresponding windows much higher up under the sloping roof. The apex of this wall terminates in a straight sided, rectangular flint cobble chimney, with brick edging. Halfway up the chimney a band of stone runs round and on each side of the chimney face, above and below the band of stone, a long slit window is inserted. The stone mullioned window in each gable gives the impression of an ecclesiastical building. The course of stone is repeated on each side of the house, a short distance above each window and above that and near to the apex is a small diamond shaped window with a stone surround. The small slit windows near the entrance are repeated on each side of the building. Brick quoins approximately two thirds up each edge of the house are filled in with a pattern of flint cobbles and capped with a sloping stone slat.

Inside the house the river runs through and a large fireplace can be seen. Here servants would have been ready with a blazing fire, hot towels and drinks to take off the effect of the plunge into the cold water.

In the early 1820's the property was sold and the land in Bexley ended up in small plots with numerous owners. The Bath House was left in isolation on land known as "Bath Meadow" and as previously stated is now situated at the bottom of a back garden. Sadly, the building is in need of repair. The owner regrets its condition, but cannot get any financial help to restore it as he cannot open it to the general public. To do so people would have to pass through his house.

What a tragedy it is that a building as interesting and so unique is falling into decay without a voice being raised and a tear shed for its preservation.



### Golden Wedding

The Society must add its congratulations with many others to Philip and Phyllis Nash on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. We hope they are blessed with many more happy years together.

N.B. Actual date was May 1988.

### Silver Wedding

This month (August) Angela and Derek Everett celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Angela is our very able delegate on the Borough's Conservation Advisory Panel and a member of our own Committee. Derek we know quite well as he always joins us on our walks and outings.

So we are able to say to them both, from all of us, congratulations.

### Conclusion

I am indeed pleased that yet another newsletter has been issued. On this occasion we have two new contributors, namely Jean Lidstone and Millie Salmon. Two very good articles, Jean's on street furniture and Millie's on the Halfway Street walk. Whilst we were on the walk I issued Millie with the instruction that she was to take notes and write an article. I said this very much tongue in cheek, but to my amazement and delight she took me seriously and you have already read the result.

I have asked for feed back in several parts of the newsletter and should be grateful as I am so busy at our Meetings if you could jot your thoughts on paper or perhaps phone me. Your comments may have real relevance so I would prefer to digest them outside Lamorbey.

A warm welcome to our new members and welcome back to everyone else.

Frances Oxley  
Editor