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A Message from the President

Dearest Friends and Colleagues,

With great sadness I leave the CUHAGS presidency; nevertheless it is immensely consoling to know that the society is in safe hands. I take this opportunity to extend my compliments and warmest wishes for the future to Jacob Davies, our new president. Although, one may regret that this year the committee did not achieve every single one of its objectives, however it is a matter of record that certain important milestones were reached. In particular it is with great pride that I inform you that after almost a decade of patient discussion and negotiation the society's amended constitution was ratified on 9 May at our AGM. Although, like all such solemn legal charters, it contains imperfections, nonetheless it goes a very long way in updating and in streamlining our procedures.

On two previous occasions I expressed my thanks to all those who made this a special year. Consequently I feel it is unnecessary to bore you all by reiterating individual words of thanks. Instead I would like to express my admiration for the society's ability to combine a cosmopolitan membership with some very high academic standards. CUHAGS must continue down this successful path in future by ensuring that it recruits committed members and interesting speakers. Although my time on the committee has come to an end I shall still be lurking around Cambridge next academic year. I very much look forward to seeing you all in October and to finally being able to relax and enjoy speaker meetings.

Buone ferie

Ambrogio

THE SOCIETY'S ACCESSION BANQUET

Saturday 6th June 2009

A Welsh Dragon Arises

At the 2009 Accession Banquet departing President Dr Caiani heralded the bright new dawn of a native born President. He conceded that for far too long, indeed much of the present millennium, CUHAGS had suffered under the yoke of foreign domination. Whereupon, from amongst a phalanx of young Anglo-Saxon and Norse housecarls, Jacob Davis leapt forward to seize office. Forty five voices burst into a spirited singing of 'Jerusalem' soon after.

The seismic shift of Jacob Davis' ascendancy to the Presidency was a release of pressure fully matching the earthquake of the previous day. Six miles North East of Port Talbot a 3 magnitude event had rocked Wales. At the Banquet we extended a sympathetic welcome to members of the Cutts family including Mr T Cutts, CUHAGS refugee from Aberystwyth.

In his remarks Dr Caiani congratulated the newly elevated Dr Kelcey Wilson Lee. Engines of the Society Derek Palgrave and David Broomfield were thanked and the diplomacy of our Senior Treasurer and Honorary Vice President Dr Gordon Wright, who had read the Grace, was gratefully acknowledged.

6th June 2009 was the cue for the wildest of Celtic rejoicing by the young throughout Cambridge. CUHAGS members departing the Banquet inspected an honour guard of at least 30 uniformed police officers at the railway station and enjoyed the reassuring luxury of a police escort to the southern borders of CUHAGS domain. The Society's Constabulary overtime bill is understood to have been picked up under the 2009 Strawberry Fair budget, thanks to deft accounting by new Junior Treasurer Alexander Whiscombe.

A Tudor Banquet

June this year marks the quincentennial of the coronation and banquet of King Henry VIII and Queen Katherine of Aragon. We have contemporary commentators like Edward Hall (c1498 – 1547 King's College Cambridge and a prime source for William Shakespeare) to thank for descriptions of events in Westminster Abbey and Westminster Hall on Midsummer Day, Sunday, 24th June 1509.

"...Sondaie, and also Midsomer daie [1509] . this noble prince with his Quene.. under their Canabies borne by the Barons of the five Portes, went from the saied Palaice [Westminster], to Westminster Abbey upon clothe, called vulgarly cloth of Ray, which clothe was cut and spoyled, by the rude and common people, immediately after their repaire into the Abbey."

Not for us 'cloth of Ray' but vestments and favours draped the Senior Common Room of Clare during the CUHAGS Banquet Reception. Courtesy of Dr John Horton we feasted our eyes on materials for new Society ties, bows, bands and scarfs.

The Coronation banquet of June 1509, as with the CUHAGS Banquet June 2009, was rich in heraldic significance.

“When the [Coronation] ceremony was finished, the lords spiritual and temporal paid homage to the king and, with the queen's permission, returned to Westminster Hall - each one beneath his canopy - where the lord marshall bearing his staff of office ushered all to their seats. Each noble and lord proceeded to his allotted place arranged earlier according to seniority. The nine-piece table being set with the king's estate seated on the right and the queen's estate on the left, the first course of the banquet was announced with a fanfare. At the sound the duke of Buckingham entered riding a huge charger covered with richly embroidered trappings, together with the lord steward mounted on a horse decked with cloth of gold. The two of them led in the banquet which was truly sumptuous, and as well as a great number of delicacies also included unusual heraldic devices and mottoes.”

The seating plan to left and right within the Great Hall of Clare hinted at the Coronation Banquet of 1509. Unfortunately the Hall Screen prevented a charger mounted ducal procession but President Dr Caiani rose to toast 'Sea The Stars' the horse that had triumphed at the 230th Epsom Derby just a few hours earlier.

Tudor Fare

Ours was a Tudor feast with a clear hint of heraldic devices and mottoes. First into the Hall came the Smoked Duck with segmented Goats Cheese supporters. This was followed by Herb Crusted Bream Fillet 'vert fesswise naiant'. Next the Guinea Fowl quartering within a hatchment plate reinforced the theme. The potatoes were decidedly early for 1509 but in subtle homage to the Tudor anniversary they were cooked and announced in the 'Anne' style. Our thanks go to George the main chef and to Robert along with the other staff of Clare College for the Banquet.

Mid-Prandial Recital

The 350th Anniversary of the birth in 1659 of Henry Purcell, arguably England's greatest composer, along with selected works of Giacomo Puccini, Ernest Chausson, Cambridge's Ralph Vaughan Williams and Donald Swann provided an inspired programme. This was introduced by Ms Claire Pike and delivered by Isabella Gage (Soprano) and Francis Knights (Piano) joined later by a chorus of the entire gathering:

'I'm Henry the Eighth I am I am. I got married to the widow next door'



On 11th June 1509 Henry VIII married the widow of his brother at Greenwich. It was a quiet wedding before a handful of witnesses but it has been commemorated since. The enormously popular music hall song composed by Frederick Murray with R P Weston and sung by Harry Champion (William Crump) dates from 1910. CUHAGS Banquet was enriched with patriotic music but did not include Harry Champion's 400th Anniversary anthem from a century ago.

Music was scheduled to ring out across Cambridge on Sunday 7th June 2009 with 'Singing from the Towers' and 'Singing on the River' presented courtesy of Henry VIII's Trinity College. On 5th May 2009, a coronation celebration in Trinity included works by Henry VIII along with Robert Fayrfax's '*Lauda vivi alpha et oo*', probably composed soon after Henry came to the throne.

Cambridge June 1509

Although Trinity was not founded until 1546 just a few months before Henry VIII's death, June 1509 was redolent in significance for Cambridge. Henry's grandmother, Margaret Beaufort, died 29th June 1509 just a few days after the coronation. She founded both St John's and Christ's Colleges. Julian Cable in the Escutcheon Vol 13 No.2 referred to the St John's College 'post cibum', after dinner Grace incorporating a prayer of thanksgiving to her as founress. It was read at the CUHAGS Venetian Carnival Annual Dinner 8th March 2008.

Two days after the coronation of Henry VIII the High Steward of the University of Cambridge Sir Richard Empson along with Edmund Dudley, prominent members of Henry VII's 'Council Learned in the Law', were dismissed and imprisoned. They were subsequently executed.

Contemporary descriptions and imagery such as those currently on display at the British Library point to intense activity for the Heralds from the death of Henry VII until at least 30 days after the Funeral of Lady Margaret Beaufort. It is said on that last occasion Archbishop John Fisher (Master of Michaelhouse and Chancellor of the University) preached his finest sermon.

D Day Remembered

With the loyal toast and as the Accession Banquet concluded there was time to reflect on a 65th Anniversary of D-Day. Varied military service was represented in the decorations, medals and awards worn with pride. Patrick Morrow anchored the stern end of one table and elsewhere Royal Air Force, Reserve and Auxiliary Service decorations hovered.

This year the Banquet coincided with the poignant commemorations taking place across the Channel. Indeed the Society was honoured that the decorations awarded to a D-Day veteran graced our gathering in Clare College. These were the medals of the late Captain Colin Campbell REME who went ashore on the morning of 6th June 1944. He survived the war and although now sadly deceased his decorations were proudly borne by Alexander Campbell his grandson.

Professor Lester Hillman

SURNAME VARIATION IN ARCHIVES

The Parish Register at Stoke by Nayland in Essex records the marriage of James Benniworth and Rose Taylor on 12th January, 1768. A facsimile of the entry is shown below.

Banns of Marriage between James Benniworth and Rose Taylor of this Parish, were published Dec^r 4th 1768, & January the 3rd & 10th 1768.

N^o 1 James Beneyworth of _____ Parish and Rose Taylor both of this Parish _____ were

Married in this Church by Banns this twelfth Day of January in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty eight by me J^r Disher are

This Marriage was solemnized between Us James Benewith by mark & Rose Taylor

In the Presence of Samuel Church & John Seabrook

The groom's surname appears three times: firstly on the top line recording that

James Benniworth

Banns had been called. His name also appears in line 3 recording the actual marriage

James Beneyworth

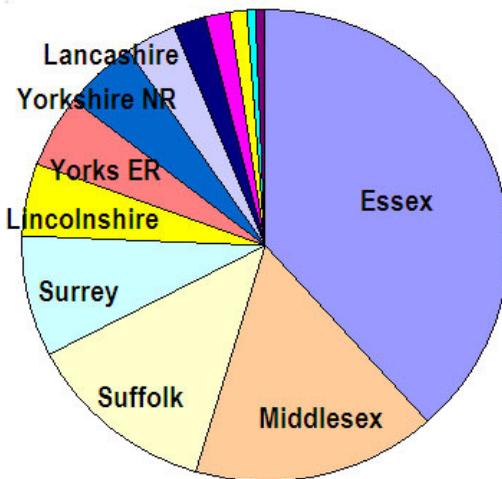
details and again in line 9, against his mark, confirming that he was party to the marriage.

James Benewith by mark

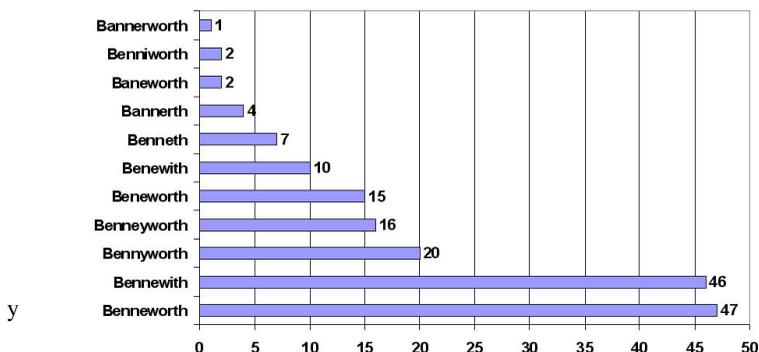
On this single document there are three distinct variant spellings of the surname:
Benniworth, Beneyworth and Benewith.

This surname was almost certainly locative in origin and this conclusion was readily confirmed by reference to a modern gazetteer which listed the village of Benniworth approximately 8 miles from Louth in Lincolnshire. Checking Fenwick's Poll Tax listings¹ of 1377 showed five occurrences of the surname *Benynsworth* in three locations: Louth (8 miles East of Benniworth) and the Barkwiths, East and West, (about 4 miles West of Benniworth). An unusual surname associated with a place about 150 miles from Stoke by Nayland in Suffolk would have been unfamiliar to the incumbent of the latter, so this may account for the lack of consistency in the register entries. The fact that the groom was able only to make his mark did not help.

It is interesting to note that by 1881, the surname Benniworth and its variants had ramified significantly into London and the Home counties². At least half of those recorded in the Census Returns were in Essex and Suffolk. Migration from the Louth area was probably expedited by the construction of the Louth Canal in the eighteenth century³, providing an excellent link with the mouth of the Humber and convenient access to the North Sea coastal trade.



Further analysis of the 1881 Census Returns revealed that the versions with the highest frequency were Benneworth and Bennewith, with a majority of the other options ending in *worth* together with two 'n's.



Benneworth and Bennewith were still strongly represented in the Essex area in 1998⁴. Both versions occur as potential variants in the Thesaurus Search Results generated by mean of an algorithm proposed by John Challis⁵, known as the Namex system, which relies on making comparisons between options generated on the basis of the consonants present in the surname appearing in the Metaphonic and the Soundex listings, and surnames in extant databases. The top fourteen for Benneworth are: Beniworth, Bennyworth, Benyworth, Bennworth, Benneiworth, Benworth, Beneiworth, Bannworth, Benneyworth, Benneworth, Banworth, Beneyworth, Beningworth, and Benningworth. The corresponding top entries for Bennewith are Benewith, Bennewits, Bennewitz, Bennwith, Benewits, Benewitz, Benwith, Bennith, Benewth, Benniwith, Benowitz, Benith, Beniwith and Bennawith.

Versions ending in *-with* are represented in the International Genealogical Index⁶ by 1389 entries as opposed to 884 for those ending in *-worth*. However there is a strong bias to the latter in the county of Lincolnshire which is confirmed by the distribution of entries in the National Burial Index⁷. A very early Lincolnshire deed⁸ of the 12th century refers to *Matthew de Bainingword* as a witness to a gift of fishing rights by the Earl of Lincoln to the Monks of St Lawrence. The final element in this instance is the Saxon *word* pronounced *worth*.

The foregoing outlines some of the ways of establishing potential variants but it is also possible to generate further possibilities by the process of credible substitution.

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This results in 224 options, all of which may occur in archival sources. Those of us who rely on indexes need a salutary reminder that it is important to cover all the versions in our search, otherwise important entries may be missed.

Derek Palgrave

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HERALDRY AND THE MOST SERENE COMMONWEALTH

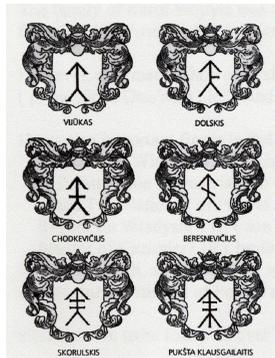
The following is a very brief summary of an address given to the Society on 30th April, 2009 by Sir Conrad Swan, Garter Principal King of Arms from 1992 to 1995. We are most grateful to him for his informative remarks and for allowing us to reproduce some of his illustrations.

Sir Conrad spoke about the evolution of heraldry within the Serene Commonwealth of the two nations, Poland and Lithuania, which had been brought into being by the Treaty of Lublin in 1569, incidentally antedating the formation of Great Britain as a similar entity by almost 140 years. The population of the emergent commonwealth included Poles, Lithuanians and some Ukrainians who also had an influence on the subsequent development of heraldry within the Union. Each group already had its own heraldic traditions dating from earlier times. In Poland the Sovereign



Arms (*left*), featuring an eagle displayed, came into being in 1245 but it was half a century later when the Szlachta or owners of the land began to assume armorial achievements known as *Herbs*, although these soon became subject to royal approval. The Herb, *Nałęcz*, named from a lake, is shown *right*, and relates to the *Korzeniowski* family of the author, Joseph Conrad. It is of particular interest that whereas in our heraldic system only five Arms have names: England, Scotland, Ireland, France Ancient and France Modern, in that under consideration, every coat-of-arms has a name. This means that in reference to them, blazoning, although possible, is not necessary.

The formal Arms of Lithuania (*shown on the left*) in use during the 14th century exhibited



a knight mounted on a horse but the Lithuanian Boyars or nobles began to develop family arms (*right*) based on non-

chromatic linear designs which they very often used on seals. However upon the occasion of the Treaty of HorodŁo (1413) between the Poles and Lithuanians (3 years after their knock-out blow against the Teutonic Knights) fifty of the Polish Szlachta adopted, in heraldic terms, fifty distinguished Lithuanian families. The adopted families then bore the Herb of their adopters.

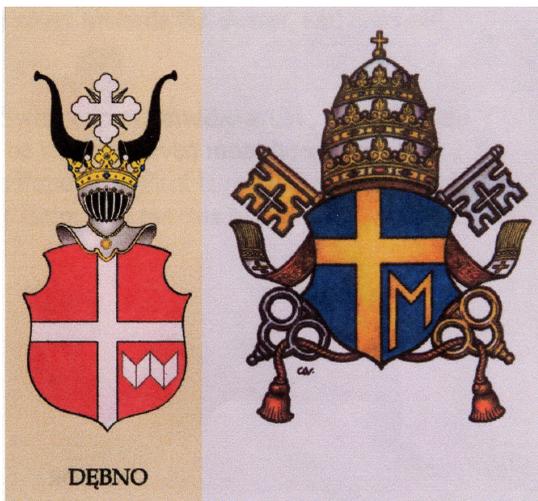


In general, a main feature of Polish heraldry had been its simplicity, designs often being restricted to a single charge. Furthermore the outcome of the adoption procedure had very much in common with the clan system although no necessary differencing was introduced. Consequently two or more families, unrelated in the male line, could bear virtually identical arms. This is exemplified by the herb, Jastrzębiec (*far left*), and the arms of the Ukrainian family

of ZasŁawski (*immediate left*).

Sir Conrad concluded with a reference to the Arms of Pope John Paul II whose family name was *WojtyŁa*, and not entitled to a specific Herb. However, having been Archbishop of Krakow, he was inspired by the Arms of Zbigniew Olesnicki a former Bishop of Krakow who was of the Herb Dębno.

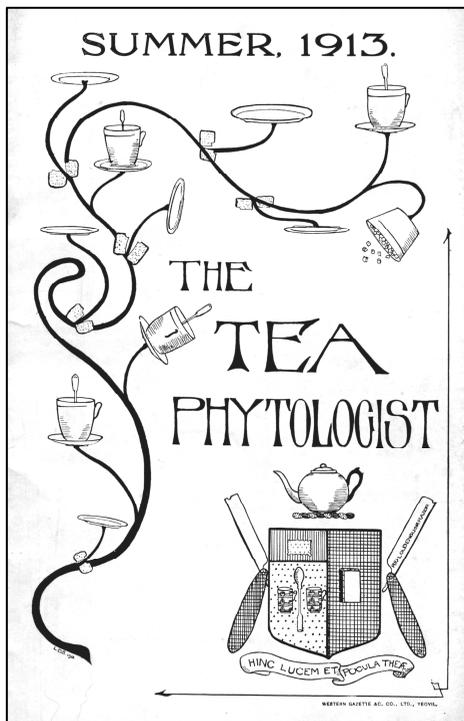
He changed the tinctures, displaced the cross and modified the double chevron inverted charge to "M" in deference to Our Lady. Archbishop Bruno Heim, a former CUHAGS Patron, had suggested that a fleur-de-lis might have been more appropriate in a heraldic design but Pope John Paul II was of the opinion that what was good enough for Krakow was good enough for Rome.



BOTANICAL ARMORIALS?

In 1879, Cavendish Professor, Lord Rayleigh, encouraged his research students to take informal “tea breaks” largely to provide opportunities for free exchanges of ideas about the scientific experiments in which they were engaged. These were held in the Professor’s office as there were really no other convenient areas for regular discussions. The value of such tea breaks to stimulate scientific debate was recognised elsewhere within the University and this led to the provision of suitable

facilities in later laboratory buildings, including the School of Botany where, in 1908, the students launched their own magazine, *The Tea Phytologist*. This was a parody on Arthur Tansley’s *New Phytologist* first published a few years earlier.



The present Department of Plant Sciences has a collection of back issues of this student magazine including that for Summer 1913, edited by A.S. Marsh. The Art Editor at the time was A.L. Sayers and it is thought that he was probably responsible for the design of the front cover reproduced here. On page 20 there is a reference to a “tame Herald”, as one of those *quiet little beasts* which *make nice pets*. Regrettably his name is not given but he has provided the blazon shown below.

Arms Party per pale the dexter Or one teaspoon erect plated Argent between two cups Potent the handles to the sinister on a chief Gules a biscuit invected of the First the sinister Sable a closed book palewise of the Second.

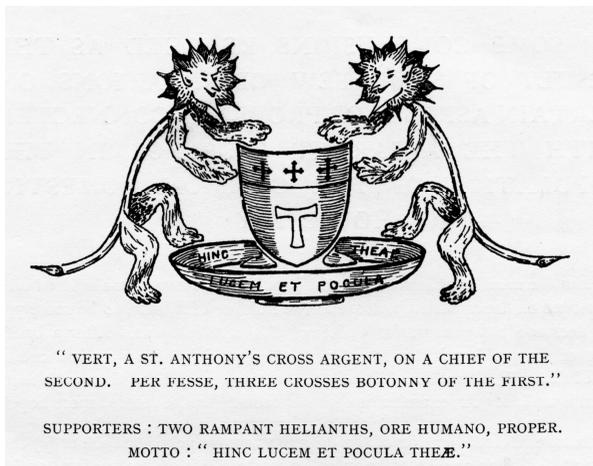
Supporters Two razors Proper rampant, the sinister charged with the words “Real Old English Razor”

Crest One crest-wreath Sable and Or a tea-pot Proper

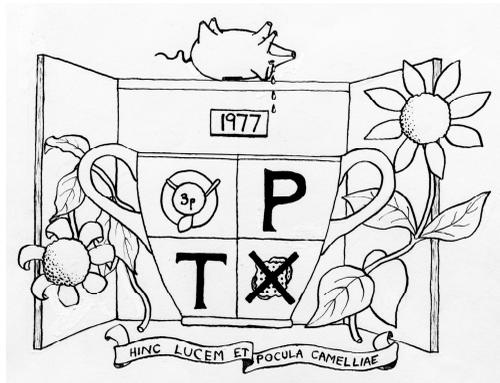
Motto Hinc lucem et pocula theae

The motto, *Hinc lucem et pocula theae*, “ From here light and cups of tea”, is derived from that of the University, *Hinc lucem et pocula sacra*.

Over the years the design on the front cover has changed considerably. During the thirties the shield became a teacup with the motto displayed on a saucer. More appropriate supporters were introduced and the teapot crest was removed.



By the seventies, the teacup had gained another handle and quarterings but no longer had a place of honour on the cover. The design, relegated to the contents page, also featured a pig and a modified motto, in which *camelliae* replaces *theae* which may perhaps reflect rather the latest nuances of botanical nomenclature.



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We understand that the last issue of the Tea Phytologist was published in 1984. On the cover were the words “*Founded by mistake in 1908; edited by accident.*” The Department seems not to have retained a tame herald, but, if there be such a beast lurking there, then he or she is more than welcome to join us in C.U.H.A.G.S.

Society Visit to the College of Arms 2009

CUHAGS TUTORIAL

Early May saw a flurry of Society activity, echoing a week five hundred years earlier, including an expedition to the College of Arms. The visit was at the kind invitation of Somerset Herald of Arms David White Esq., M.A. (Cantab), M.A. (London), former President of the Society and Honorary Vice-President CUHAGS.



College of Arms with scaffolding in place during repairs following fire damage

Ten members of the Society assembled in London on the morning of 16th May Having travelled from Nottingham and Norfolk as well as Cambridge.

May 1509

In early May 1509 Henry VII's Funeral took place in Westminster Abbey the culmination of days of ceremonial procession. On the 9th May 1509 the perambulations had reached St Paul's Cathedral a pennant flutter away from the

Heralds. Contemporary records and accounts indicate lavish display and a hectic time for Rouge Croix and others.

"1,000l to Andrew Wyndesore, the King's 'wardroper' for black cloth"

"The Boke of Peynters," showing payments for "scochyns," coats of arms, banners, "banerolles," "pencelles," "magesties," "rachementes" and borders, made by Mr. Broun, Rogecrosse, Wm. Whytyng, John Wolff, John Wanlesse, Thos. Grene, Ric. Rowanger and others..... 1,557lbs. of Poleyn wax was used on the hearse at Pawles

Five hundred years later, in the shadow of St Paul's Cathedral the College of Arms remained heavily draped in a pall, a consequence of the recent fire. At what cannot be an easy time for the College the invitation, welcome and the generous hospitality was greatly appreciated. Greeting us on arrival was a Heraldic Menagerie, perched on the dining table of Norry temporarily billeted in the Court of the Earl Marshal. The exotic representations included a blue kiwi for Sir Edmund Hillary, a lion for Alexander Earl of Athlone, the serpent of Andrew Duke of Devonshire and a mythical red sea dragon for James Baron Callaghan of Cardiff. Other representations elsewhere included a beehive for Henry Marquis of Landsdowne.

Peer Group

Society members and officers including Alex Whiscombe the new Junior Treasurer enjoyed a rare opportunity to see documentary sources along with contemporary work of the College of Arms. A richly illustrated 'Ordinary' from around 1550 and a volume for the commencement of 'Visitations' around 1530 fittingly reflected the week of a Tudor anniversary.

Amongst more recent grants we looked at 'a pier of the Millennium Bridge over the River Thames proper'. It was an image from the bridge just outside the College of Arms incorporated into the grant to Norman Robert Baron Foster of Thames Bank. As a Pierian Herald gazing out of the window might muse, 'it appears, one has but to peer, and a pier for a peer appears'.

Professor Lester Hillman

SOME CURRENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

25th July, 2009

Buckinghamshire FHS Open Day - Aylesbury

15th August, 2009

Midlands Family History Fair – Worcester Racecourse

28th –31st August, 2009

International Conference: Open the Door Here are the People
Nottinghamshire Conference Centre - *Open to all*

12th September, 2009

National Family History Fair - Gateshead

For details of the above please contact the editor – D.A.PALGRAVE.54@cantab.net

Report on the Annual General Meeting 9th May 2009

Twenty two members of the Society were present in the Thirkill Room. Following the approval of the 2008 Minutes, the President, Dr Ambrogio Caiani, gave a detailed report on the year's activities. He pointed out that for most of the year there had been no Secretary so his presentation also included several additional items which might otherwise remain unreported. All in all it had been a most satisfactory year and he regarded it as a great honour to have been able to serve in the office of President.

The following candidates for office in the Academic Year 2009-2010 were elected by acclaim:

Office	Candidate	Proposer(s)	Seconders(s)
President	Jacob Davis	Ambrogio Caiani	Derek Palgrave
Senior Treasurer	Dr Gordon Wright	Ambrogio Caiani	Berthold Kress
Secretary	Nevsky Everett	John Horton	Alex Whiscombe
Junior Treasurer	Alex Whiscombe	David Broomfield	Ambrogio Caiani
Committee	Kelcey Lee Wilson	Ambrogio Caiani	John Horton
Committee	Louise Butterfield	Alex Whiscombe	David Broomfield
Committee	Marius Johndal	Alex Whiscombe	John Horton
Committee	Andrew Simpson	David Broomfield	Jacob Davis
Scrutineer	D. C. d'Arcy Orders	Alex Whiscombe	Jacob Davis

The Society's revised Constitution, which had been published in the Escutcheon, was adopted with two minor changes to reflect that the AGM should be held during Full Term and that at least 14 days notice was required.

There was some debate regarding the status of the accounts brought to the A.G.M. In the past, the old Constitution had required their "approval" by the A.G.M. in spite of their having already been approved by the Junior Proctor. The new Constitution required the A.G.M. to receive the accounts. This issue was put to the vote and the term "receive" was adopted by a simple majority.

There were no further items of business to discuss.

Following the meeting, members assembling in the Scholars' Garden, in very pleasant sunshine, were able to partake of glasses of Pimms accompanied by strawberries and cream.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRESIDENT

I'm Jacob Davis, the new president of CUHAGS, and Derek has asked me to write a few words about myself. I studied at John Hampden Grammar School, and then spent a gap year working as a project analyst in IT and finance for Volvo Cars UK. Now, continuing in the footsteps of Tom West, I am a maths student at Trinity College and about to start my fourth year. I specialise in logic and set theory - subjects even more arcane than most of mathematics. Once I have finished my undergraduate course at Cambridge I hope to go on to a PhD, either here or in America.



Since an early age I have been interested in history in general and heraldry in particular. My technical knowledge is slightly lacking; but I shall rely upon other far more knowledgeable members of the society whenever I am called upon to blazon a coat of arms.

I enjoy travelling, and have visited much of Europe, Russia, Mongolia and China. The Mongolians are very friendly, but unfortunately the sign of welcome amongst them is to offer the visitor weak tea with salt in it, and life becomes rather grim when forced to drink several bowls of this a day. This summer I shall shortly be leaving for the USA, to look around universities and decide whether I'd like to live there for the next few years.

My other hobbies include hiking unreasonable distances; reading a wide range of fiction and non-fiction; and programming. I enjoy teaching others, especially school students, about maths. Finally I have an all-consuming love of Microsoft Excel, and spend quite a lot of time constructing spreadsheets to record and manage how I spend the rest of my time.

Whilst at Cambridge I have served as treasurer of the chess club for three years, as president of the Tolkien society, and as treasurer of the mountaineering club. Also briefly as treasurer of the newly-formed trans-humanist society before it mysteriously disappeared (I promise to take better care of CUHAGS). Last, but far from least, I am honoured to have been elected firstly treasurer and now president of CUHAGS. I have made many friends in the society, and look forward to making even more over the coming year.

NOTICES AND GENERAL NEWS

Congratulations

We offer our sincere congratulation to Society member, Mark Dennis, on his appointment as Ormond Pursuivant of Arms at the Court of the Lord Lyon.

We also warmly congratulate Committee member, Kelcey Wilson Lee on the award of a Ph.D.

Have You Seen the Cambridge U.F.O.?



The photograph on the left was taken by David Broomfield as he walked past St John's College, Cambridge. Although the subject matter seems familiar, readers may be slightly puzzled.

If you have been able to observe this during your perambulations in the town and can explain the conundrum, please get in touch.

Society Items for Sale

Sales of ties, scarves, etc have been so successful that we are now in the process of restocking. If you have specific requirements please let us know so that we can ensure that we have the items you would like.

It is now possible to order a Pean waistcoat – please contact John Horton with details of the size required [Email: John.Horton@nottingham.ac.uk]

Copies of *The Cambridge Armorial* are still available, price £10-00 per copy.

Contributors to the Escutcheon

The Society would like to thank all those members who, over the last fourteen years, have contributed to the Escutcheon. Their efforts are much appreciated and it hoped that they and others will carry on submitting articles and reports so we can continue to reflect contemporary views of heraldry, genealogy and related topics.

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