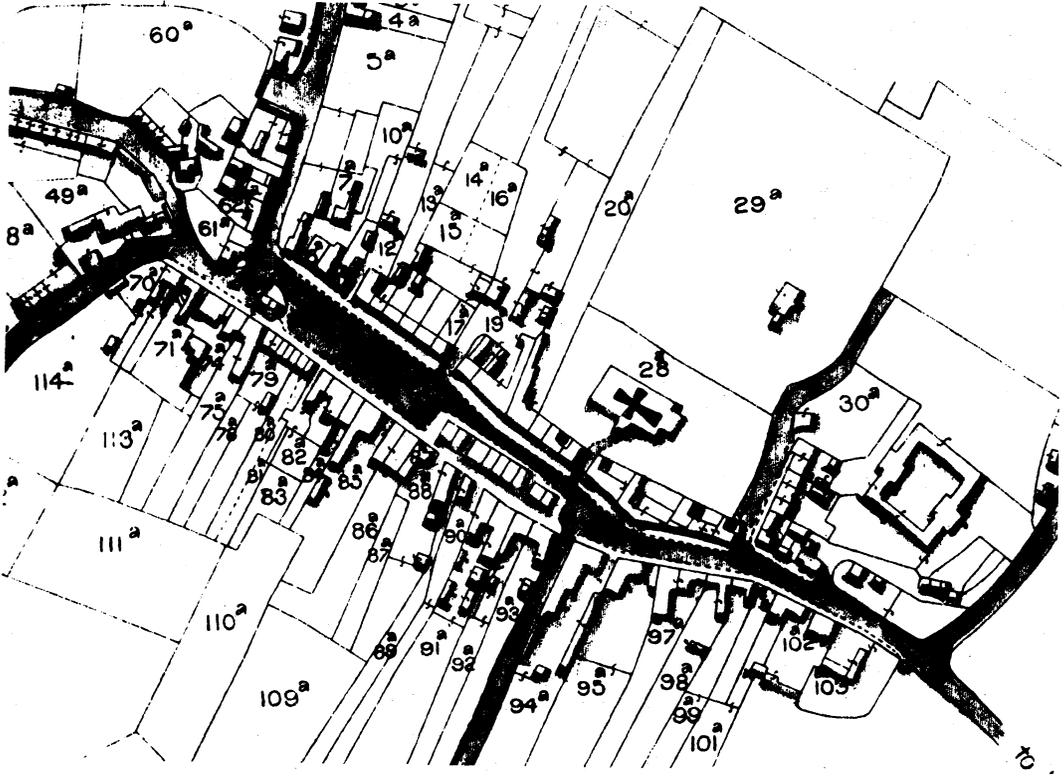


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T H E E A S T G R I N S T E A D S O C I E T Y

The Society was founded in April 1968 to protect and improve the amenities of East Grinstead and its environs. The town has a long history and a unique architectural heritage, and represents a trust placed for the time being in the hands of our generation. It should be our concern to ensure that such contributions as we in our turn make are worthy of the past and a fitting bequest to the future. The strength of such a society lies in the extent to which it can be seen to represent public opinion: the larger its membership the greater its influence will be.

The Society arranges regular meetings for talks, discussions, films and visits to local places of interest. It produces a regular Newsletter and a Bulletin of articles of local interest. In 1969 it produced a special report on the High Street conservation area which has been well received as the basis for formulating future policy. It is also very active in making representations to the local authorities on planning matters. In 1972 it held a Local History Exhibition and in 1973 an exhibition looking from the present to the future.

MEMBERSHIP

The subscription is 75 n.p. a year (additional members in the same family 25 n.p.) to be renewed on 1 January every year, except by those joining at or after the A.G.M. in the previous year. If subscriptions have not been received by 31 January reminders will be sent. If they have still not been received by 28 February a final reminder will be sent instead of the next Bulletin or Newsletter. If there is still no response membership will be cancelled. Subscriptions should be sent to the Treasurer, Barclays Bank.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Applications for membership, subscriptions and notices of change of address should be sent to the Treasurer, suggestions and all other correspondence to the acting Chairman. Details of the Society's current programme and a brochure describing its objects and including a form of application for membership may be obtained from either.

EDITORIAL

By the time this Bulletin appears members will have received two of our Newsletters and we should be able to assess the advantages and disadvantages of the new system. It has been suggested that lack of separate notice of each meeting has led to poor attendances and so your committee is considering reverting to the former arrangement. It will be a help if members will send in their opinions on this matter, as also any other contributions for publication, both original material and supplementary information on subjects already raised. If this issue seems to over-emphasise the historical side of the Society's work, that is a reflection of the interest of those who do send contributions.

OUR COVER PICTURE is an extract from the Town section of the Tithe Map of 1841, required by the Tithe Commutation Act of 1836 with an accompanying schedule of lands, owners and land use. The scale is 4 chains to an inch (20 inches per mile). The map is an invaluable record of the 'built-up area' of the town in 1841.

SECRETARYSHIP: At the A.G.M. it proved impossible to find a replacement for Mr and Mrs Rudel. Anyone interested in taking on the job is asked to contact our Chairman, Mr B.C. Thompson, Nenthorne East, Ashurst Wood (Forest Row 2738) as soon as possible. It would be a help if there were also volunteers for Membership Secretary (recruiting and keeping list up-to-date) and Meetings Secretary (arrangements for speakers and halls).

REMINISCENCES, 1893-1914 are available from the Society's treasurer, Barclays Bank, High Street or Mr R.H. Adderley, 11 Tennyson Rise at 20 n.p. + 4 N.P. postage or from the Wilmington Bookshop. Comments of readers have included 'of great interest', 'fascinating', 'an excellent little booklet', 'most interesting'. One lady is giving it instead of a Christmas card. Further reminiscences are earnestly invited. For example, what was East Grinstead like during the First World War?

NEXT BULLETIN: some time in the Spring. Contributions should be sent to Mr M.J. Leppard, Brighton, Hove & Sussex Grammar School, Dyke Road, Hove, BN3 6EG by 31 December. NEXT NEWSLETTER: Early in new year. Contributions to Mr Leppard by 19 December.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: OUR 'IMAGE'

Mr Lewis (Bulletin 12) speaks of 'intellectual, studious, thinking young people'. (From among them come natural historians who try to view man dispassionately through all his antics from tree dwelling until yesterday. They know people for a living mass, swaying and swayable, and but half conscious of what it does.)

Mr Adderley (Bulletin 10) seems to call for wide participation in things municipal, things of today impassioned by sectional interests and needing the energy of youth for what is essentially and endlessly a fight.

If one Society, among God knows how many others, purports to encompass all this, is not cleavage inevitable?

Very naturally a detached view has little appeal for most of youth. 'Involvement' is all the cry. Amid the din of the media and the clamour of multiplying societies only a desperate scream can make itself heard. Must we scream?

All this is pitched a little high! Having come to the end of it I begin to feel that our hope must lie in those of early middle age. It is not only a matter of mediaeval sticks and stones. There are those who can view what happened at lunchtime in the light of the millenia.

R.H. WOOD

LOCAL HISTORY NOTES AND NEWS

This picture of the Grosvenor Restaurant (later rebuilt as the Whitehall) is chosen to complement the interior view opposite p.10 of our book of Reminiscences. Both are from the souvenir booklet, no.4 on the list on p.7 of this Bulletin. After an account of the district it gives details and pictures of the shop, restaurant, oak room, Japanese lounge and ballroom with parquet floor laid on springs. Electric light was produced on the premises. It also records the firm's catering achievements at Ascot and other racecourses. Letheby and Christopher also ran the Dormans Park Hotel (demolished some ten years ago) and associated gardens.

Mr G.E.Leppard recollects the hall's use for roller-skating including hockey on skates.



GROSVENOR RESTAURANT-ENTRANCE.

LOCAL WATCHMAKERS: SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Following the article in Bulletin 10 and the report of another Thomas Fowle clock in Bulletin 11 we are pleased to record a Nicholas Bodle clock in the possession of Mr F.Ashby of Dartford, whose family brought it with them from Dormans Land. It has a brass face 8" square and a single hand. The hour spaces are divided into four parts instead of the usual five. A cord and 13lb lead weight drive both the going and the striking trains. As the present case does not correspond exactly to the dimensions of the face Mr Ashby believes it was originally not a longcase clock. This may be borne out by the fact that it has to be wound twice a day as the weight reaches the floor before 24 hours have passed.

Mrs Kenward of Cranston Road, a descendant of the Fowles, has kindly shown us some printing plates used by the Fowles. Two are for circular trade cards, undated and with no christian name or initial, one of Uckfield, the other of East Grinstead. The third is a John Fowle billhead, dated 187_, which repeats the claim to have been established in 1770.

BUSINESS HISTORY: Mr P.D.Wood and Mr R.H.Wood have been compiling the annals of Messrs Turner, Rudge & Turner, formed in the late 1860s by combining the businesses of Joseph Turner (traceable back to his grandfather, John Turner of Ardingly, active in 1785) and William Rudge (who in c.1863 bought the business of John Smith, traceable back to his grandfather Charles, active in 1790). The reference in our last Bulletin to Messrs. C.& H.Gasson has produced the information from Mrs.M.Ironside, one of the partners, that what they celebrated in 1972 was the jubilee of their becoming a limited company. They were in business as early as 1902, as shown by a photograph of the employees and premises of that date in the local Library.

M.J.L.

by R.H.Wood

Strangers who only go there to dine - and, indeed, others who have learned something of Gravetye's beginnings - may yet know little of this remarkable man. Seekers after an historical or architectural account may find much to satisfy them in the Sussex Archaeological Collections and the Victoria County History. These few notes concern William Robinson in person.

He lived to a great age: he was born in 1838 and died in 1935. The writer knows nothing of his early life. It seems clear from his writings that he travelled widely. In the later 19th century he was producing weekly journals in gardening, agriculture and forestry. Perhaps his most honoured work is The English Flower Garden, first issued in 1883. It discusses Style, Position and Arrangement in his characteristic manner, sensitive to beauty, sometimes pungent and always practical. Two thirds of its text carry a formidable undertaking: 'A description of all the best plants for it, their culture and arrangement'. He did not omit to consider The Cemeteries of the Future.

Those who never knew him must get him out of his books*, and for this there can be none better than Gravetye Manor, or Twenty Years' Work around an Old Manor House (1911) and Home Landscapes (1920). They are illustrated with very beautiful engravings and photographs and the man is self-revealed there among the fields and woods and gardens that he loved. The first of them he calls an Abstract from the Gravetye Tree and Garden Book and the tale opens in 1885:

'Everything was done with regard to landscape beauty, whether roadside fence, plantation, covert ... In the fruitless writing of the last few years ... the main fact is wholly lost sight of viz. that the real work of the landscape gardener only begins when the garden itself is completed. ... if one goes into a beautiful picturesque garden in the neighbourhood of Vienna or in one of the valleys of France, the chances are that he will find it known as the "English Garden" ... the most sincere compliment ever paid to us.'

He dismisses with a fine acerbity the 'architectural' conception of landscape gardening. Topiary is abhorrent, and he quotes gleefully from Smith that 'topiarius' is the only name used by Latin writers for the ornamental gardener and that Cicero mentions the topiarius among the higher class of slaves. Quotation must cease, but there are riches for those who will seek for themselves. Practicality never rests, be it in relation to fence or hedge or action against trespassers or, indeed, smoky chimneys. There is a pleasing account of how M.Pichon, a 'Fumiste' summoned from Paris, effectively cured such a chimney at The Moat.

In later life Robinson was paralysed and confined to a wheelchair. It was sorrow to him that he could no longer move among his woods and fields until in the 1920s Citroën made a motor car on caterpillar tracks: and this was liberation.

In spite of his disability he frequently wrote letters by hand, letters with drama on the page but darkness in the message. One of these the writer recalls. There had been disagreement with a farm tenant and one read: 'Tell him that if he does not do as I say I will pull down all the farm buildings and plant a big orchard'. Those were the days when a farm tenant holding year to year could probably be dislodged at the term date on six months' notice. Let it be said that Robinson was in no sense malign. He quite simply believed that within the law the landlord should have his own way.

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*NOTE: There seems to be no published biographical account of Robinson. The English Flower Garden is the only one of his works in the local Library.

One sees him in the wheelchair among roses in the west garden. It is a general consultation about estate affairs. There is sunshine and a flash of water from the lake, and all is very still. This was before 'quiet' had become a perpetual subdued din, when a man might plough with a pair of horses and a single-furrow plough and through the muffled stamping of the horses' feet hear the faint slurring of the furrow slice as it peeled away: and Robinson's voice seemed almost a part of the silence.

NEWS AND VIEWS

LOCAL HISTORY CLASSES: It is impossible to summarise Mr Lowerson's fascinating account of how small English towns grew, such was the wealth and variety of knowledge we were treated to. It ranged from mediaeval factors (feudalism, defence, etc.) to those of the 19th century, including sewage (a special preoccupation of Mr Lowerson's) and social phenomena of the order of riots, arson and poaching. If you had a question to ask, he knew all about it. I can only urge all 20th century citizens to come to the rest of the classes, which will become more specific and practical. Next one, Saturday 19 January: Exploring Small Town History. (Further information from the Adult Education Centre, Windmill Lane (21874) or Library (21342), as also of a course on Victorian Sussex at Pyke House, Battle, 24-25 November.) R.H.A.

A MATTER OF DEDICATION: The failure of planners to come to grips with personal and philosophic problems will undoubtedly create disasters similar to the tower blocks built by architects caught in a technical revolution who ignored persons and their real needs. For if ever there was a need for compulsory religious and spiritual education it is now vital to those planning our lives. Observe carefully the next person you see and try to place him in the graphical symbol of the sub-region and you will see how impossible it is for a planner to think of people in other than abstractions. S.P.

BALDWINS HILL SCHOOL CENTENARY in 1974 is to be marked by an exhibition and pageant. Any relevant historical material or memories to Mr Cantello, the Headmaster. R.H.A.

A TOWN MAYOR? The local press has already informed us that any parish council may apply for its chairman to be given the title of mayor under local government re-organisation. Hailsham is one of the places which intend to take advantage of the provision. Let us hope that East Grinstead will not be another. For the title will not indicate any distinctive honour or status and the ancient Borough of East Grinstead was not governed by a mayor but by a Bailiff and 'his brethren' the Burgageholders. In a world of increasing standardisation we should be all the more aware of our distinctive past. M.J.L.

FIREMARKS: Mr Prescott of Littlehampton Library is listing all Insurance Companies' firemarks surviving in Sussex and has recorded the Sun one on Zion Chapel. Are there any others in our area? R.H.A.

FRIENDS OF ST SWITHUN'S: The Parish Church has had the good idea of forming a body of Friends to help meet its running costs of some £200 a week for fabric, maintenance and stipends. Subscription is £2 p.a. and brings a free copy of the parish magazine. Further information from D.F.Rixson, 'Crofton', West Lane. M.J.L.

LAST THOUGHTS OF THE LATE CHAIRMAN:

Hoping against hope at half past ten,
 'Any other busines, gentlemen?'
 He waits for it; his eyes begin to glaze:
 'There is just one small point I'd like to raise ...' P.D.W.

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A FIRST LIST OF EAST GRINSTEAD GUIDE BOOKS

by M.J.Leppard

The following list is as complete as I am able to make it but certainly not exhaustive. Entries marked * I have not seen but derived from the catalogues of libraries. Private copies are noted only when none have been traced in libraries. Libraries are indicated as follows:

BM British Museum BO Bodleian Library, Oxford
 BPL Brighton Public Library EGPL East Grinstead Public Library
 ESCL East Sussex County Library Headquarters, Lewes
 SAS Sussex Archaeological Society, Barbican House, Lewes
 WPL Worthing Public Library

Guide books are more often than not undated (indicated below by N.D.) and often use the same cover for more than one issue. In some cases identification is assisted by the printer's reference. Thus inside the back cover of our latest is the code EJB69/129/HH, wherein 69 refers to 1969 when the text was commissioned and written (though not brought out until 1971). Such references are given below when they occur.

- 1* 1876 East Grinstead Alamanack and Visitor's Guide
 East Grinstead, 1875 for 1876 (BM)
- 2 (1885) (W.R.Pepper,) Farncombe & Co's History and Guide to East Grinstead and Its Environs; together with a series of routes ... With Numerous Illustrations by W.R.Pepper, N.D.
 (but date and author from parish magazine review)
 Farncombe & Co., 'Observer' Office (EGPL, ESCL, SAS)
- 3 c.1897 Views and Reviews Special Edition: East Grinstead, N.D.
 W.T.Pike & Co., Brighton
 Photographs by W.Page, East Grinstead
 Extended advertisement features (private)
- NOTE: from this date onwards all guides contain photographs; photographers' names are sometimes given.
- 4 .1906-14 Souvenir of East Grinstead, N.D.
 With the compliments of Letheby and Christopher, Ltd. (of the Grosvenor Restaurant, which it largely advertises)(WPL)
- 5 1909 East Grinstead
 Official Guide for U.D.C.
 Health Resorts Association (WPL)
- 6 1910 East Grinstead
 U.D.C. ('The Only Authorised Official Guide')
 Health Resorts Association (BPL)
- 7 1913 W.H.Hills, East Grinstead
 U.D.C.
 Suburban & Provincial Development Association (private)
- 8 1914 re-issue of above (SAS)
- 9 1921 East Grinstead as a Pleasure and Residential Town
 U.D.C.
 Suburban & Provincial Development Association (BPL)
- 10 1926 East Grinstead
 Chamber of Commerce
 Suburban & Provincial Association (private)
- 11 1927 re-issue of above (private)
- 12 1928 East Grinstead, Sussex: An Illustrated Guide
 P.J.May, estate agents
 Street plan; date on p.13 (private)

NOTE: from this date onwards all official guides contain a street plan and are published for the U.D.C. by E.J.Burrow of Cheltenham. Prices appear on those on public sale but not on those distributed by the U.D.C. From 1962-3 copyright is claimed. None is dated.

- 13 c.1933 East Grinstead (Sussex) The Official Guide (BP 2124 ECT)
COVER: drawing of Sackville College quad; town seal
(BPL, WPL)
- *Official Guides attributed to 1932 (BO) and 1937 (BM) are probably 13 and 14 on this list respectively.
- 14 c.1938 East Grinstead Official Guide, 2nd ed. (BP 4694 ET)
COVER: drawing of 90 High St - Sackville House; seal
(ESCL)
- 15 c.1947 East Grinstead Official Guide, 3rd ed. (CP 426 LSM)
COVER: drawing of Tudor House; seal; 2/- (ESCL)
- 16 1950-51 East Grinstead Official Guide, 4th ed. (CP 1212 WGS)
COVER: multi-coloured drawing of Sackville Coll.; seal;
2/- (WPL)
- 17 early 50s East Grinstead, Sussex: An Illustrated Guide, N.D.
Payne & Co., estate agents
Street plan (private)
- 18 c.1954 East Grinstead Official Guide, 5th ed. (PL 2178 FFF)
COVER: three colour drawing, Dorset House eastwards
(EGPL, WPL)
- 19 c.1958 East Grinstead Official Guide (AB/6/APW 2998 FEF)
COVER: as 18; square spine; 2/6 (private)
- 20 1960-61 East Grinstead Official Guide (JAS/7/JJ EEF)
COVER: mauve & white; photo of Judges' Terrace (private)
- 21 1962-3 East Grinstead Official Guide (EJB/62/213/HL)
COVER: Sackville Coll. through arch; pale blue; square
spine; 3/6 (EGPL)
- 22 1964-5 East Grinstead Official Guide EJB64/305/HH)
COVER: as 21 but bright blue (EGPL, ESCL)
- 23 1966-7 East Grinstead Official Guide (EJB66/220/HH)
COVER: as 21; pale blue; round spine (ESCL)
- 24 1971 M.J.Leppard, East Grinstead Official Guide (EJB69/129/HH)
Completely new text
COVER: blue; full colour coat of arms; 25 n.p. (EGPL, &c)

It will be a service to future historians if anyone who has or knows of other East Grinstead guides (or directories: see our last two Bulletins) will send details to Mr M.J.Leppard, Brighton, Hove & Sussex Grammar School, Dyke Road, Hove, BN3 6EG for publication in a future issue.

I hope in our next Bulletin to list guides for a wider area in which East Grinstead is given reasonably detailed treatment.

LOCAL REFERENCES IN SUSSEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS (continued)

- Vol.22 (1870) pp.43f. Henry Smith's charity
p.121 Gildridge in E.G. (? Withyham, ? Eastbourne)
pp.224f. Borough Arms, 1572
p.231 Henry Bye's 'Tyburn Ticket', 1789
- Vol.23 (1871) p.58 E.G. Fair, 30 October 1732
pp.160f. Lady Katherine Gray's brass
pp.220f., 222 Schedule of 17th century Parliamentary
surveys
pp.242-271, 294-313 Parliamentary Surveys of Ashdown
Forest, 1658 and 1650
pp.319f. Burrell MSS (see p.9 of this Bulletin)
- Vol.24 (1872) Parliamentary Surveys (continued) pp.192, 196-8, 209f.,
215, 217 Ashdown Forest; 223-5 E.G. Borough; 250, 253
E.G. owners of properties at Pevensey and Hailsham
p.128 Tokens
p.292 Writ for return of Guilds, 1388

by M.J.Leppard

In our last Bulletin Mr P.D.Wood reviewed J.C.Stenning's Notes on East-Grinstead in Sussex Archaeological Collections, vol.20 (1868) - the first attempt to publish any connected account of the town's history. But Stenning was not the first to gather material for the task. As far as we can tell that was undertaken by Thomas Wakeham, a solicitor practising in the town c.1756-1800, who was responsible for the romantic name of the Hermitage, where he lived from at least 1780. He also showed his interest in the past by rescuing three brasses from the ruins of the parish Church and having them inserted on a marble tablet in the new building in 1798, as recorded on an accompanying Latin inscription. His MSS include contemporary accounts by John Creasy, a local surgeon, of the Church fire in 1683 and the fall of the Town Hall floor in 1684. (One version of these accounts seems to have survived via a member of the Bachelor family since later writers attribute them to a surgeon of that name of whose existence we have no evidence: see Sussex Notes and Queries, vol.17 (1968-71), pp.131f. where Creasy's version of the Town Hall adventure is printed verbatim.) Wakeham compiled his own account of the collapse of the Church tower in 1785 (printed by Stenning, op.cit., p. 148). He also preserved an annotated drawing and plans of Admirals Bridge at its rebuilding in 1789. (It took the Stone Farm - Goat crossroads road over the Medway and is now under the reservoir.)

Wakeham's MSS passed to Sir Henry Ellis of the British Museum, who in 1805 married a daughter of John Frost of Beeches, Ashurst Wood, another man with a reputation for an interest in local history. Ellis collected material for the whole Rape of Pevensey (much of it now in Brighton Library) but his East Grinstead collection passed to W.H.Hills, whose MSS are now the property of our President Mr I.D. Margary. It includes letters from an unrelated George Ellis of East Grinstead, 1844-5, full of local information, original circulars concerning Forest Row Church and School, auction particulars, newspaper cuttings, correspondence and numerous extracts from ancient documents.

Much of Ellis's material was derived from the important MS collections for the history of Sussex formed in the late 18th century by Sir William Burrell and deposited in the British Museum.

Published information before Stenning consisted of little more than odd pieces in directories and general works on the region. The first county historian to give the town any extended treatment is T.W.Horsfield in his History of Sussex (1835). His work is valuable both because he drew on original sources and for its information on the town in his day.

But one part of the town did get a full, scholarly history before 1868 (and Stenning used it): J.M.Neale's History of Sackville College (1853) based on the College records.

DADDY, WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN?

Much was made of the fact that our Local History Exhibition was the first in the town since the Festival of Britain, twenty one years before. In fact what happened then was less ambitious, a one day 'Sussex Scene' Exhibition in the Parish Hall on 2 July which, as far as memory serves, consisted entirely of paintings of places in the county. Other events of the Festival (according to the programme) were: recitals by the Carl Dolmetsch Ensemble and the Hirsch String Quartet, Hospital open day, Church needlework display at the Convent, Swimming Gala, Country Dance Festival, fifth annual Horse and Cattle Show, Carnival Week (with interdenominational service), Cricket Week, annual Horticultural Show, and Historical Pageant of East Grinstead (mentioned in Bulletin 9) at East Court every evening from 2 to 7 July. One has the impression of a more compact and cohesive community than the town now is, determined to celebrate wholeheartedly. Now 1951 seems nearly as remote and almost as forgotten as 1851.

M.J.L.

LIBRARY NEWS

Recent accessions likely to interest members include

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| 131.35 | Evans, C. | <u>Cults of Unreason</u> (half about Scientology, including its impact on East Grinstead) |
| 301.36 | Nottridge, H.E. | <u>The Sociology of Urban Living</u> |
| 309.26 | Evans, H. | <u>New Towns: The British Experience</u> |
| 387.736 | Perman, D. | <u>Cublington: A Blueprint for Resistance</u> |
| 417.7 | Thoyts, E.E. | <u>How to Read Old Documents</u> (1893) |
| 592. | Lyneborg, L. | <u>Dune and Moorland Life</u> |
| 613.12 | Alderson, F. | <u>The Inland Resorts and Spas of Britain</u> (including Tunbridge Wells) |
| 614.71 | Scorer, R.S. | <u>Pollution in the Air</u> |
| 656. | Ransom, P.J.G. | <u>Railways Revived</u> (including Bluebell Railway) |
| 690.24 | Insall, D.W. | <u>The Care of Old Buildings Today: A Practical Guide</u> |
| 711.7 | Plowden, S. | <u>Towns Against Traffic</u> |
| 720.942 | Booker, C. | <u>Goodbye London</u> (vanishing buildings) |
| 913.42 | Dyer, J. | <u>Southern England: Its Prehistoric and Roman Remains</u> |
| 942. | Fedden, R. | <u>The National Trust Guide</u> |
| 942. | Hogg, G. | <u>Facets of the English Scene</u> (architectural curiosities, etc.) |
| 942.25 | Gray, J.S. | <u>Victorian and Edwardian Sussex from Old Photographs</u> (see last Newsletter) |
| B MAR | Martell, E. | <u>Some Bods Move On</u> (autobiography of founder of local furnishers) |

A new edition of the list of the Library's local material is now in preparation.

Material of local interest (history, planning, etc.) is always welcome for deposit at the Library, temporary or permanent, to make it available to Society members and the general public. Someone is still needed to have framed the aerial photograph of the town used at our Exhibition in July which the County Library will then buy from us for permanent display here.

Other material from our DISCOVER YOUR TOWN Exhibition is being displayed in the Library in three instalments, finishing in mid-December*. Most of the photographs have been deposited with the Library on loan from the Society.

A copy of Stuart Page's plans for the Hermitage site will be displayed at the Library early in November.

COMMENTS on the first instalment of DISCOVER YOUR TOWN include:

'East Court - why not a super Youth Hostel?', 'East Court should be a complex: Adult Education, Youth Groups, Playgroup, Old Age Pensioners' and 'Time is running out for the Hermitage. Is there nothing the East Grinstead Society can do to help?'

R.H.ADDERLEY

*NOTE: Copies of the Exhibition programme may still be obtained at the reduced price of 10 n.p. + 4 n.p. postage from Mr R.H.Adderley, 11, Tennyson Rise, East Grinstead or Mr M.J.Leppard, Brighton, Hove & Sussex Grammar School, Dyke Road, Hove, BN3 6EG. M.J.L.

NEW PUBLICATIONS: J.H.Farrant, Sussex in the 18th & 19th Centuries: A Bibliography (University of Sussex Centre for Continuing Education, 20 n.p.) will be essential for all serious students of local history in the county. Mr R.T.Mason, the expert on local architecture and one of our founders, has just produced Framed Buildings of England (Coach Publishing House, Horsham, £3), a companion to his earlier Framed Buildings of the Weald (£1.75). The September number of the Sussex Family Historian contains notes by M.J.Leppard supplementing and correcting the East Grinstead Parish Register for 1558-1662 (published by the Sussex Record Society, vol.24).