

Some more information on the Walby Family (to be read after the article in the main newsletter)

The Walby Family after William's death

So, what happened to the rest of the family? Well, in the 1891 census, Sarah was living in Woodfield Lane with no occupation. She was living next to New Park Lodge where a gamekeeper was and her other neighbours were all workers. But for where? Woodfield? If so, William had moved from Hoppets Wood to Woodfield, and Warren Wood from the article — 2 different estates. Or were all these people working for Woodfield Hall or somewhere - and Sarah just *happened* to be there? I am sure this is something the readers will help with.

By 1901, Sarah and her daughters were running a laundry business in Potters Bar to help make ends meet. There were very few occupations for women at this time if they didn't want to be servants.

Phoebe Walby and the sweet shop in Park Street

Phoebe Ellis was born in 1819 in Toddington, Bedfordshire but she moved to Hatfield and married George Walby. In 1851 the family were in Back Street, Hatfield and George was both an ag lab and beer seller. Did he run a pub and if so which one? I would love to know more about the beer selling side of things, especially as his relatives, the butchers, also ran a pub on the side. More later...

In 1861, he was in Park Street, just as an ag lab this time. He was living next door to the Walby butchers. Any idea of location? Upon the death of George in 1868, Phoebe became a bonnet sewer in 1871, the census was taken at around Easter and so this may be the reason. Then in 1881 and 1891 - she ran a sweet shop in Park Street. Any information is appreciated.

Conclusion; for now

The Walby's certainly have a tale to tell. But, the story is not finished. In the next edition of the newsletter, I will continue my story: moving onto the Walby butchers and their links to a Diana Walby who ran the Cyclists Rest.

Even then, the story will not be 100% complete. I am sure the readers will have plenty to add. If so, I would love to hear from them. Please email me on:

By Jack Honour

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 12th March, 7.15 for a 7.30 start-Terry Ransome, "British Schools and the Legacy of Joseph Lancaster

Thursday 12th April, 2.15 for a 2.30 start. A guided tour of St Etheldreda's Church. Meet at the Church. There is parking behind the church hall at the top of Church Street or there is free parking in the new car park for Hatfield House. It is just a short walk from there to the Church. (There are parking restrictions on the roads around St Etheldreda's)

Monday 14th May, 7.15 for a 7.30 start. Annual General Meeting followed by - David Dent, "My Family in the Great War"

Thursday 14th June, 2.15 for a 2.30 start. Our summer open meeting when this year we will be having a **Jubilee Tea Party** to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

All meetings are held at Friendship House, Wellfield Close, Hatfield.

There will be a **Community Fun Day, at Campus West, WGC on Saturday March 10th** starting at 10am. This is part of the events the Borough is organising around the "Olympics and Cultural Olympiad." Our Society will be having a stand there.

The Society is also hoping to have a stand at the annual **Hatfield Heritage Vehicle Society Rally** at Birchwood. The Rally takes place on the first Sunday in June each year.

New Barnfield Waste Incinerator

I have recently received this e-mail from Cathy Roe. Hatfield Against Incineration.

"I write concerning the campaign against a Waste Incinerator at New Barnfield. You probably know that Herts CC received 5759 objections to Veolia's Planning Application. Objectors include Welwyn/Hatfield MP Grant Shapps, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, Hatfield Town Council, North Mymms Parish Council, North Mymms Green Belt Society, Lord Salisbury, Garden History Society, English Heritage, Herts National Union of Teachers, local Ramblers, Anglers and Cyclists, and many other organisations, national and local. There is now another step in the campaign. Herts County Council have now begun a Consultation on Waste Site Allocations. New Barnfield is included in the list of potential waste sites, and is listed potentially for "thermal treatment", that is, incineration.

We are asking residents and other interested bodies such as yourselves to respond to this Consultation, and to say that they do not want New Barnfield to be included as a waste site. The reasons are the same as in objecting to the Planning Application, that is, Visual Intrusion; Loss of Green Belt; Loss of Protected Wildlife; Loss of Amenity; Traffic Congestion, Danger, Noise, Pollution; and Danger to Health (especially from increased hgv traffic).

We do hope that your organisation, & its individual members, will send in responses to this consultation to say that New Barnfield should not be a waste site. The closing date is 19th March."

Cathy Roe, Hatfield Against Incineration

I am happy to put in a protest on behalf of our Society.

Christine Martindale, Chairman