

Charlton Kings Local History Society Newsletter

welcoming new members & keeping local history alive

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If you are interested in joining the society, please email cklhs@yahoo.com and we will get back to you. If you do would like to archive research, help on the committee, or offer some other assistance we would love to hear from you. We really need a Treasurer and Programme/Secretary to continue as a Society in the longer term.

Membership is £10 per year and includes free entry to our monthly local history talks which are held in the Charlton Kings Baptist Church.

The purpose of the Society is to help people connect with the past by bringing it to life through anecdotes, photography, and our monthly talks. If you are new to the area and would like to know more about your road or perhaps even your house, the Society is a great place to ask questions and begin your journey into the local history of Charlton Kings. For further details ring Mrs Margaret Hulbert ((Membership Secretary.) on 01242 244147.

I'm Geoff Bridgman, and I am using our Facebook group to promote the Society so any likes and shares on social media are always appreciated. We really appreciate feedback via social media so please let us know what you are enjoying and what you would like to see more of. David Hanks' "Now & Then" photography posts continue to be hugely popular, and we really appreciate his time and expertise in sharing these marvellous images with the community.

A big thank you to David Hanks for providing so many interesting photos of Charlton Kings over these last 5 months. I know with the feedback has been most entertaining.

The last Month have put a special August Newsletter which featured Lillybrook Hotel. Pleased to say the now Doubletrees by Cheltenham are impressed with information on the house and then hotel.

I have continued to visit Greville House, and we have been invited to attend a Garden fete on the 3rd of September from 2pm to 5 pm we hope to have a table with hope of attracting some new members.

Can now report on our Facebook page we now have 1438 members.
Please enjoy Septembers Newsletter, always happy to receive comments.

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Dates for your Diary

27th September 2022@7.30pm	Talk on British Comics by John Reid.	Charlton Kings Baptist Church
25 th October 2022@7.30pm	Talk on Herbert Ponting, Scott's Antarctica Photographer by Anne Straihe	Charlton Kings Baptist Church
22 nd November 2022	Reporting on research and personal reminiscences.	Charlton Kings Baptist Church

[Dorothy Lawrence](#)

Front Row left to right as we remember...

Brian (chunky) Lawrence Roger... Reeves....Graham Roberts...David Jenkins...Dave Lane...unknown...Jack Cratchley...John (Wooley) Filer....David (Bumps) Roberts...David Whitcomb....Second Row...unknown Cratchley...Brian Greenway...David Isher...Ron Brickwell...Ted Jones....unknown...Paul Watts...David Neither...John Williams...Peter Winrow...3rd Row L-R...Boss Fry...unknown...Marshal Sowery...Rev Evans...Rev Wardle...Unknown...Unknown...Horace Cleverley....Alfie Dyer....4th Row L-R...Ernie Harvey...John Mills...Gil Wyatt...Pecker Woodman...Ronnie Phillips ...unknown...unknown...Fred Mason...5th Row L-R ...David Coombs...Ken Hudman...Unknown Stafford....Row Hudman...Mr ClotherAnyone help with other names...Staffor Cook behind the [Priest Kenny Cross](#)...David Young is to the right of Ken Hudman as you look at photo...

[Deryck Huddleston](#) Fred Mason holding the cross



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Dissenting protestants in Charlton Kings probably started meeting during the seventeenth century in the open air and in private houses licensed by the bishop, including a house in Moreton Terrace and a coach house at Bafford. A 'constant preaching minister' was mentioned in 1650 as receiving a stipend of £40 per annum in 1629, arranged by Sir Baptist Hicks. The old Charlton Kings Chapel of the Free Methodist Church is thought to have been in Ryeworth and by the 1870s the congregation was sufficiently established to buy land for their new chapel on the site of three old cottages known as Barns Hay on the south side of Church Street. Built by William Cleevely it cost £488 17s 10d and opened in 1875. In 1891 a proposal to heat the building by 'Hot Water on the Low-Pressure System' was adopted and in 1900 pipes from the well under the chapel were removed. Until 1887 the Chapel had not been attached to any denomination but for the solemnisation of marriages it needed to be aligned to a regular Denomination and registered. A meeting was convened by Pastor John Rochefort in 1883 and the preference was for the Baptist Denomination. Religious bigotry was as rife as ever and a Sunday school teacher (Mr Merrit) was removed for teaching; *'that the future punishment of the damned was not eternal'*. This upset more forgiving members including William Cleevely and his wife Emma who also; *'did not accept the everlasting punishment of the wicked'* and they transferred their allegiance to Cambray. An organ was installed in 1934 as a memorial to Mr A W Ryland. A Manse was bought in 1955 and a new one was built in Grange Walk in 1975. The pews were replaced by chairs in 1963 and the old school room was replaced by the Carey Hall and another meeting room.

<http://ckbc.org.uk/> David Hanks has kindly supplied the information; I have a relation John Bridgman who was one of the founder members of the Baptist Chapel.

Crab End Way, also called Charlton Street and now Church Street towards the church. It follows the line of a lane existing by the 12th century e line of a lane existing by the 12th century It follows the line of a lane existing by the 12th century. This early 1900s photograph of Church Street (looking in the opposite direction painting) includes the 1875 Baptist Chapel, built on the site of Barns Hay Cottages.



Our Society continues to reach out to the local community and schools. I had a lovely morning at Balcarass School history group who had just come back from France. and was able to use my family background to talk about things, was great with the interaction. I am after a contact for the Junior School, can anyone help please. The Infants school want a speaker in January 2023 to help with local history. By Geoff Bridgman

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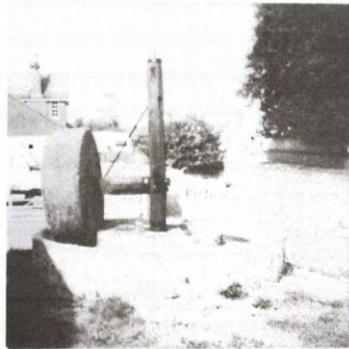
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I went to Greville House, though most are suffering from some form of dementia, they are a great people, and one lady went to Holy Apostles school I thank in the middle to late 30s her name is Hilary. The icing on the cake was meeting an old school friend Roger Clarke, haven't seen him since 2005. Those who went to Balcarres here are a few pictures of the Cider/perry press. have you any memories of the school. Has it always been at the entrance help please. Help much appreciated, many thanks Geoff Bridgman.

16. AN OLD CIDER PRESS RESTORED IN 1981

These photographs show the cider press at East End Farm, which has been restored by the staff of Charlton Kings Secondary School under the direction of Mr. Preen, with money given by the Friends of the School Association. Congratulations!



M. Paget

10. "CIDER" MILLS IN CHARLTON (BUT IT WAS REALLY PERRY!)

There was no apple cider made here, it was all perry.

There used to be six mills in Charlton Kings, that I can remember:

- (1) In the barn at Salt's Farm. Mr. Dunn the butcher filled in the trough and used it as a slaughter bench
- (2) At Coxhorne Farm. This was at the farm (not at Old Coxhorne, a house built by Franklin the butcher; the mill now at Old Coxhorne was brought there as an ornament).
- (3) The Beehive had one
- (4) East End Farm had one - still there by the school but without the shed. It used to be in a brick building (you need a heavy over-head beam to hold the King-post). It hadn't been used for some time and the last time I used it, it was so covered with ivy, I had to cut the ivy away to get in!
- (5) At Ashgrove Farm. This was smaller than the others and was covered with a roof supported on pillars, without sides. I think this building has fallen in, but the mill may still be there.
- (6) At Ryeworth House - this has been demolished.

There was a scratcher mill at Ham - not a proper mill, but a

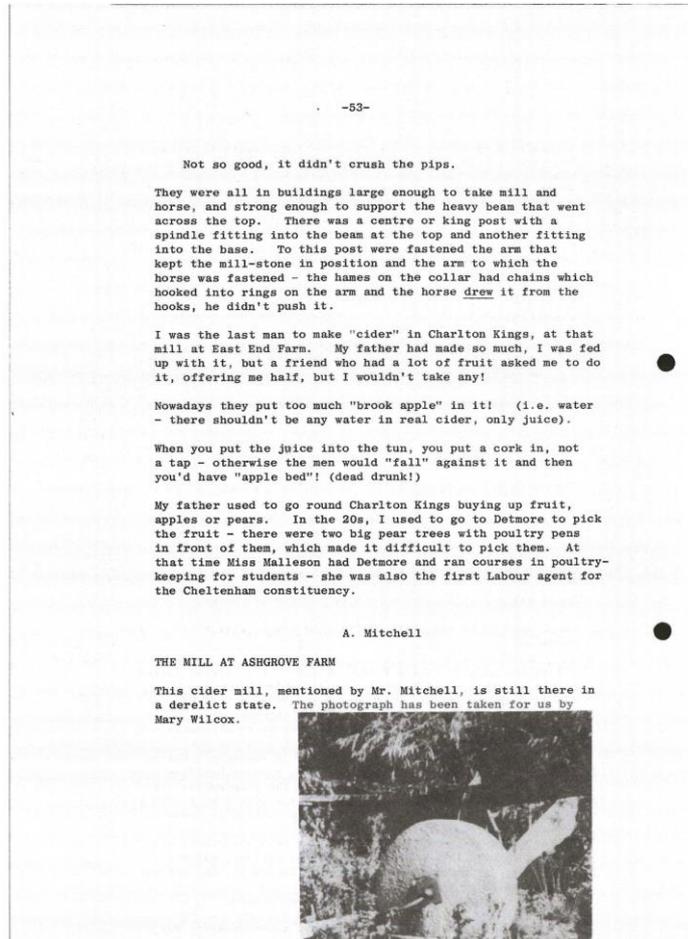


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