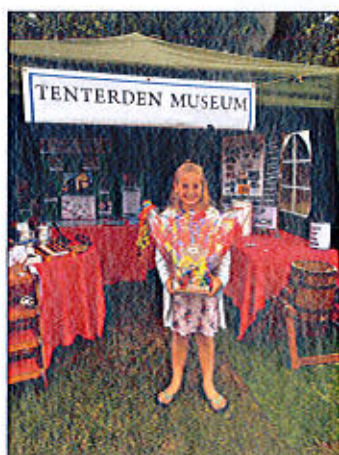


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Tenterden and District Museum Newsletter

From the Curator
Debbie Greaves FRGS, FRSA



Tenterden and District Museum at the Spirit of Tenterden 6/7 July

The summer season has begun well with the Museum now open from 11am to 4.30pm thanks to our hard working and dedicated stewards. In addition to the everyday sessions at the Museum we have a busy programme of out of hours visitors and events such as the Town Mayors' annual tour, Homewood School's Year 8 exploring their local history and displaying their work, Rotary and Royal British Legion wine and cheese parties and visiting expert Bob Sear with 'Looking for your Ancestors' day, plus troops of local Brownies enjoying their monthly meeting at the Museum. In addition we have attended many local events: the Homewood School 70th Anniversary in June, and the Spirit of Tenterden (please see our tombola winner!) on the Recreation Ground.

We also participated in the Tenterden Festival by staging a special exhibition in which we featured Embroidery through the Ages from our collection. As part of this exhibition we displayed a Victorian embroidered fire screen, which was recently donated to us from Smarden. Other donations this season have been a height measuring instrument which was used to measure people in custody at the Police Station once located in Oaks Road – I wonder what sort of lives that instrument has witnessed! We have also had the benefit of a bequest, by a past member, Richard Phillips, who left in his will an interesting and extensive coin collection which is currently being catalogued with a view to selling it to add to Museum funds, which is what Mr Phillips intended.

Finally we are proud to have been an Accredited Museum for one year on 12th July, and our new Museum Mentor, who is a Museum professional and advises us on aspects of running the Museum, is David Robinson who



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- Thursday, 8th August, lecture at St Mildred's Church Hall at 7.30pm: 'What the Victorians Did For Us', Ian Bevan.
- Thursday, 12th September, lecture at St Mildred's Church Hall at 7.30pm: 'A Schoolgirl's War', Mary Smith.
- Friday, 27th September lecture at St Mary's Church, Rolvenden at 7.00pm: 'The World Garden', Tom Hart Dyke.
- Tenterden Folk Festival, 3rd - 6th October.
- Rolvenden History Group Exhibition at St Mary's Church, Rolvenden, 19-20th October



currently works for Ashford Borough Council. This picture shows David and our Chairman, Jonathan Harrison, signing the Mentor Agreement in April.

We used to build temples, and museums are about as close as secular society dares to go in facing up to the idea that a good building can change your life (and a bad one ruin it).

Alain de Botton

Editorial

It has been another very busy few months at the Museum as you can see from Debbie's list of activities. I would like to record a thank you for the service, much of it unseen, to the committee and our dedicated group of stewards and other volunteers - for guiding, resourcing and running the Museum.

As I wander around the Museum, there are certain objects that catch my eye and arouse my curiosity. At the moment I am intrigued by the shed and what is packed in there.

Do you have a favourite item in the Museum? When you visit, you might like to collect a favourite object sheet from the steward's desk and fill it in and we will then feature the object on social media.

1969 was the year of the moon landings and many people are reminiscing about the impact that the event made upon their lives and their careers. We would like to hear about your Tenterden and District memories of that era.



(Below are exhibits that were featured in the 'Stitch in Time' Exhibition.)



Extract from: Motivations for the 'Great Migration' to New England 1628-1640: the Case of the *Hercules*, March 1634/1635

Diane Thomas

New England was made up of a number of colonies. Plymouth and Massachusetts, the most important during the Great Migration, had very different histories which may have translated into different motives amongst their settlers. The adjacent map shows the location of the colonies within New England.

The original patent for the *Mayflower* in 1620 allowed it to take a group of the Separatist exiles, then in Leiden, and others from England, not Separatists, to settle the northern part of Virginia around present-day Manhattan. It was financed by the Adventurers, a group of around seventy, formed especially for the project, some of whom were Separatists or Puritans themselves, but were nevertheless primarily entrepreneurs. They included big and small investors, all getting one share for each £10 invested. Whether by accident or design, the *Mayflower* landed instead further north at Plymouth Harbour, and that is where its Pilgrims settled. In 1621 a new patent was granted to cover the new territory. The Adventurers now effectively controlled an independent colony. But there quickly came a falling out. Despite large shipments of furs, and presumably timber whose price was soaring in England, there were financial losses. The settlers had large debts to the Adventurers. A new agreement was negotiated. The Adventurers sold all their interests for £1800 to eight of Plymouth's leading men and four of the Adventurers who still wanted to be involved. This group, now called the Undertakers, took on all the debts in return for certain monopolies. Plymouth assumed self-government. Figure 2, on the next page, shows the Plymouth Colony Settlements.



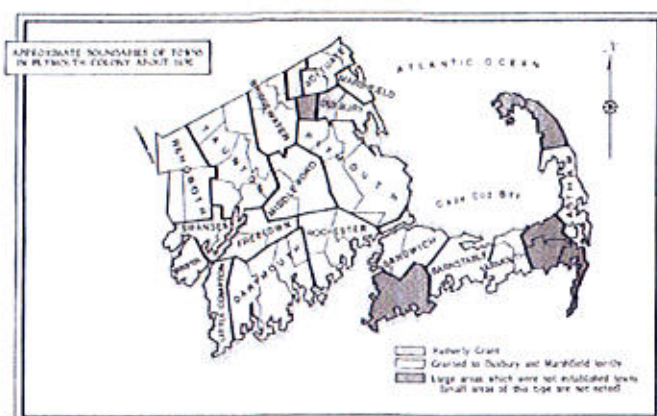
In 1628 the New England Company was formed, succeeded by the Massachusetts Bay Company in 1629. They acquired a patent for land to the north of Plymouth on Massachusetts Bay. In 1630 Winthrop's fleet of eleven ships went to settle this new colony. At this point the 'Great Migration' began in earnest. With their colony controlled by the Massachusetts Bay Company, the settlers here had less freedom for self-determination than their Plymouth counterparts. The Massachusetts Bay Company also took control of New Hampshire in 1641 and Maine in 1652, but did not take over Plymouth until 1691.

The first Europeans in Connecticut were the Dutch. However, settlers from Plymouth Colony and Massachusetts Bay moved in to found Hartford in 1636. John Winthrop junior played a big part here and was an early Governor of Connecticut. Also in 1636, groups from Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay moved across to form the small colony at Providence.

The *Hercules* Passengers, Characteristics and Connections

The parishes they left

Appendix 1 shows the full *Hercules* Passenger list in its original order and the places of origin they gave. From research in original parish registers, parish of baptism and age have been added, where possible, as well as connections to other passengers. All on board, except Parnell Harris from Bow, London, and the Hayward family from Aylesford, in West Kent, were listed as coming from East Kent. Parnell was in fact baptised at Northbourne where members of her immediate family continued to live.



Source: Stratton, Eugene, *Plymouth Colony* (Salt Lake City, 1986), p.20

From Appendix 1: *Hercules* Passengers, Parishes, Ages and Connections

Name	Age	Parish of Baptism	Parish on Departure	Connected To	How connected
Nathaniel Tilden	51	Tenterden	Tenterden	Sar. Couchman Jonas Austen Wm. Witherell William Hatch	Step-uncle? Friend Friend 2 nd cousin
Wife Lidia Tilden	48	Tenterden	Tenterden	William Hatch	Cousin
Children: Joseph	23	Tenterden	Tenterden		
Thomas	16	Tenterden	Tenterden		
Stephen	5	Tenterden	Tenterden		
Maria	24	Tenterden	Tenterden		
Sara	21	Tenterden	Tenterden		
Judith	14	Tenterden	Tenterden		
Lidia	8	Tenterden	Tenterden		
Servants:					
Thomas Lapham	22	Bethersden	Tenterden		
George Sutton	22	Sandwich	Tenterden	Simon Sutton	Brother
Edward Ford			Tenterden		
Edward Jenkins	17	Bethersden	Tenterden		
Sara Couchman	19	Leiden?	Tenterden	Nat Tilden	Step-niece?
Marie Perien			Tenterden		
James Bennet	30	Frittenden	Tenterden	Jane Egelden	Brother

This list is not complete but is of such interest that it will be continued in its entirety in the next edition. For those of you who wish to see the full list now, please visit our blog site at: thetenterdenanddistrictmuseum.wordpress.com

Article to be continued

REPORT FOR TOWN COUNCIL ABOUT THE RECENT VISIT BY AVALLON

Bring to the attention of Cllr. Kate Walder please (Representatives on Outside Bodies)

Dear Kate, A big thank you for agreeing to this role, China is a tad further than Avallon in rural France, but we all know the World is shrinking metaphorically speaking. Climate change and green eco warriors might drastically reduce jet travel, so it's back to camels along the Old Silk Road ?

They came in 5 cars, we were advised 17 but illness meant only 13 arrived. Even so their President Noelle Clermonte brought her dog along for the Friday to Monday weekend of 17th. - 20th May.

The programme began and ended at Morpys Field beside the K&ESR.

For our 30th. Anniversary, a communal breakfast was arranged at the Tenterden Garden Centre, and the staff came up trumps with over 2 dozen Chief Weeder Specials, all served within 10 minutes, and everyone was happy.

Another hour was allocated for "Retail Therapy" and purchases were made destined for France, this then led onto meeting Priest Judy, the high Vicar of St. Mary's Church in Reading Street. She gave a lecture on the history of moving the entire structure off the top of Chapel Bank using horses and carts in 11 months.

We were about to make our way to Chapel Bank Farm (by kind permission of Tim Piper) when the Antique Shop across the road was noticed to be open. In they went, so did we, the tiny former Ebony School which held just 27 pupils, became packed out. More Therapy, more items going to Avallon.

We moved our parked vehicles from the Garden Centre into Mr. Pipers empty straw barn, and decamped onto a farm trailer the picnic gear and those who didn't fancy the 300 feet climb.

At the top a large circular area had been mown for a Piper Wedding, perfect for a picnic. Guests and Hosts explored the site, some 37 graves are evident, and fresh ones appear by local choice.

The weather which we had wanted to clear to the horizon did the opposite, we could clearly see Woodchurch Windmill going up, The Ferry Inn and Wittersham around to Tenterden. By the end the cloud and mist returned, such a pity as from Chapel Bank most of Romney Marsh is visible !

In the evening, a Grand Dinner was arranged at The Bull in Benenden. The next day Sunday, the morning was for looking around Tenterden, at the Festival of Food and down at the Railway for their 40's Weekend Event of WW2 exhibits, the Mk. 4 Spitfire gave an aerobatic display on both days.

A "Sharing Lunch" was given in the Catholic Church reception rooms, it lasted over 2 hours, and then we congregated under St. Mildred's Church Tower to hear the final 10 minutes of a quarter peel being rung for the Victims post the Armistice of 11.11.18, Canon Lindsay Hammond mentioned a great Uncle passed on the 19th. November, and the bell Captain, Richard Edwards, remembered his great Uncle who passed on the 21st. February. They got the 44 minus quarter peel fortunately !

The highlight of the weekend was undoubtedly the Civic Service (your apologies were given) at which a ceremonial signing of the Renewal of Friendship vows occurred between our Town Mayor and Avallon's President of Jumelage, Doctor Noelle Clermonte. It was a most sincere moment as the Service itself was typed in French and English, followed by a shaking of hands greetings, even the choir was enhanced by the Avalloniase as most are members of the Avallon coral society. In groups of up to 8 persons they climbed to the ringing chamber and then right to the top, infact our Town Mayor could be the very first to have worn the chain, pictured standing high over Tenterden.

On behalf of the Tenterden & District Twinning Association, may I invite you to recommend to your Council Colleagues that permission be given to apply the Town Council's formal seals to both of the scrolls, one of which will be transported to Avallon at the "double exchange" visit in September. *Also the members wish to thank the D.T.C. Claire for her considerable input.* Another interesting idea has been raised by the part time Members of the Fire Brigade ? They are considering this year to ride their motorbikes into France for a summertime outing, and Avallon Fire Department have latched on to this 'exchange of technology' long weekend, details are yet to be worked out. Such a development would give Town Twinning a much needed boost in younger status as membership is still stubbornly low and getting older.

Finally, President Clermonte has reaffirmed her Town's formal invitation for Tenterden to visit Avallon on the long weekend of Friday September 20th. to Monday 23rd. 2019 , she is extending an open invitation to Town Councillors to join with her, and Avallon Councillors, in these the 30th. Anniversary celebrations.

Henry Edwards (Acting Chairman of T&DTA)

Town Council 9th September 2019

CPRE

Agenda Item 12

The Campaign to Protect Rural England is an organisation set up to protect the countryside and has been involved in the setting up of AONBs, green belts etc. The organisation also offers advice on planning applications.

More details are contained in the attached leaflet.

The membership for TTC is at the same cost as an individual membership £36 per annum, although more can be contributed if required.

Proposal: That annual membership of the CPRE should be taken up.



Phil Burgess
Town Clerk

Impact on Crime and Disorder	: None
Impact on Bio-diversity	: None
Budgetary Impact	: Minimal

THE COUNTRYSIDE YOU CHERISH IS DISAPPEARING FAST

Last year, greenfield land greater than the size of Liverpool was swallowed by development.

Noise and light pollution are destroying the tranquillity of more and more of our countryside.

Our village and rural communities are under threat.

England is an astonishingly beautiful country, with its rolling green fields, ancient woodlands and majestic moors. Many of us cherish it. Yet on average, every year for the last three years*, 192 square miles of countryside have been ripped up and replaced with housing estates, roads, industry and other forms of development.

The biggest culprit is urban sprawl. As the demand for housing on our small island grows, too many of our green spaces are sacrificed when previously developed land could be re-used instead. Meanwhile, the tranquillity of the countryside is being spoiled by intrusive developments, traffic and aircraft noise, litter and the growing glare of light pollution.

Rural communities are under threat too. Local people are being driven out by lack of affordable housing, while primary schools shut down, post offices close and local shops fold. Without thriving villages, who will look after the countryside we love?

*On average, 2014-2017

"The English countryside is at a tipping point – it could go forever. We must each act before it's too late."

Dame Joan Bakewell

WITH YOU BY OUR SIDE WE CAN SAVE IT

CPRE is fighting for a beautiful and thriving countryside that all of us can enjoy for generations to come.

We are passionate about protecting the countryside. This doesn't mean freezing it in time. We understand the need for change. We simply want to make that change positive and sustainable – such as recycling previously developed land in towns and cities for new homes, and planning roads, railways and energy sustainably, to save precious countryside.

Our members play a vital part in everything we do. We have a branch in every county across England, who work tirelessly, monitoring planning applications and campaigning hard, to protect our countryside. At the same time our national office gives the countryside a voice in Westminster and the media.

This powerful combination of local knowledge and national influence makes us extremely effective.

How we work

- Campaign to influence Government policy and legislation
- Influence planning decisions locally and nationally
- Take practical action to improve the countryside and rural communities
- Promote the ways our countryside enriches people's lives

Our volunteers scour over 100,000 planning applications every year.

We support sustainable farming as one of the best ways to maintain a beautiful, living, working countryside.



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TOGETHER WE HAVE ALREADY ACHIEVED SO MUCH

Thanks to our members, CPRE has been standing up for the countryside independently for over 90 years. In that time we have achieved some remarkable successes. Here are just a few:

- We led early campaigns to introduce National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Green Belts and the town and country planning system – all of which remain at the heart of countryside protection today.
- Lately, our lobbying helped convince the Government to extend the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks, protecting an extra 180 square miles of outstanding scenery.
- We've made great strides in our fight against litter, securing the 5p charge for plastic bags and more recently, a government commitment to introduce a deposit return system for drinks containers.

Imagine what our countryside would look like today without these victories – and the many others we've achieved.

JOIN US - AND HELP FIGHT FOR A BEAUTIFUL AND THRIVING COUNTRYSIDE

Our countryside wouldn't exist, as we know it, without CPRE – and CPRE wouldn't exist without people like you to support us. Please, become a member now and help us stand up for our countryside, so it can continue to enchant and inspire us all for generations to come. **Simply complete and return your membership form or call us on 0800 163680.**

Your membership includes

- Membership of your local county CPRE Branch.
- Discounted entry to around 200 of England's most splendid houses and gardens.
- Our *Countryside Voice* magazine three times a year.
- Free advice from our Planning Hotline.



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Campaign to Protect
Rural England
Standing up for your countryside

IF YOU LOVE THE COUNTRYSIDE, THE TIME HAS COME TO FIGHT FOR IT

JOIN US.

Our local groups work hard to improve the countryside in many ways, such as planting new hedgerows.



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YOUR COUNTRYSIDE NEEDS YOU

Together we can save
England's precious
countryside from
being destroyed.

JOIN CPRE NOW AND HELP KEEP OUR UNIQUE AND GLORIOUS COUNTRYSIDE SAFE

If you value the countryside, now is the time to stand up and fight for it. Becoming a member of CPRE is the single most effective way to do that. Membership starts from £3 a month – but the more you are able to give the more we can do to keep our countryside safe.

£3 a month
can help our policy experts
gather evidence to help
support a campaign.

£5 a month
could help a CPRE branch
campaign to protect fields and
woodland from inappropriate
development.

£10 a month
can help us lobby Ministers
and MPs on a key issue.

£50 a month
can help pay for crucial
legal advice during a public
planning enquiry.

To join please return the
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