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Greetings to all our members.

This issue of the Journal includes articles leading on from events covered in previous issues; I welcome feedback on matters that are aired in the Journal together with your contributions on matters 'Josselin' and other snippets or articles of interest or assistance to our members.

John Hallum (137) , Editor.

SOCIETY MEETING IN SAFFRON WALDEN

Sunday, 11 September 2016

Fortunately the day was sunny and warm when we gathered at **Bridge End Gardens**, a series of interlinked areas of different character originally created about 1840 by Francis Gibson, a prominent Quaker citizen, banker and benefactor of the town who lived nearby but not adjacent. It is today owned by the Fry family into which Gibson's daughter Elizabeth married and is leased to Saffron Walden Town Council. Unusually, the gardens are open 24 hours a day all year round.

Mid-morning, we walked the short distance to **The Fry Art Gallery** a purpose-built gallery erected for Francis Gibson in 1856 and now owned by The Fry Art Gallery Society. Its policy is to display the work of a diverse group of artists and designers who settled in and around nearby Great Bardfield from the early 1930's onwards. The original artists were Edward Bawden RA (who was born in Braintree) and Eric Ravilious, while others who followed included John Aldridge RA and Michael Rothenstien RA. Society members connections to Bawden are noted elsewhere in the Journal.

While returning to our cars, we noted a property named "Josselin House" in Castle Street. We then repaired to **St. Mark's College** near Audley End House where in a converted barn we enjoyed a buffet lunch before hearing an interesting talk about Saffron Walden from Blue Badge guide **Sarah Kirkpatrick** which she illustrated with numerous slides. The College itself dates back to Tudor times and is owned by Chelmsford Diocese for church and community use.

During lunch, **Maureen Binks** told of **Eric Joslin's** father's experiences at the **National Shell Filling Factory at Chilwell** in Nottinghamshire where there had been a major explosion in 1918. (See the site on www.wikipedia.org and other websites). She had brought along many photographs in Eric's possession relating to this. [See pages 19 -22]

Then followed the **Annual General Meeting** chaired by **Vernon Lane** at which **Brenda Joscelyne** was elected Vice President following the recent sad passing of **Peter Joslin** - an appreciation of Peter also appears in this issue. All officers and committee members were re-elected with thanks to all concerned, the Accounts approved and the subscription for 2016/17 confirmed again at £10.

Discussions ranged from future activities - it is hoped to have two meetings in the summer of 2017 - whether or not to have representation on the Facebook website, and should we appoint an Archivist and how to store Society records. No firm decisions were taken other than it was agreed that the Journal should not be published online - a list of articles, however, is on the society's website.

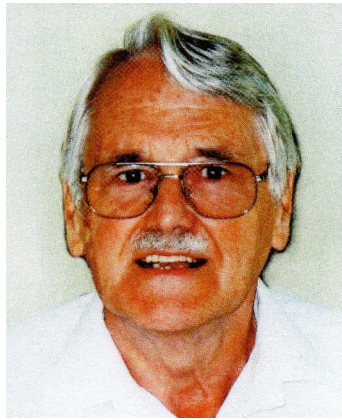
Ben Joscelyne (09), Secretary.

[Photos taken during the visit are shown on later pages.

AGM Minutes and the Accounts for the year are shown on pages 8- 11.]

PETER WALTER
JOSLIN

7 July 1934 - 6 July 2016



Our great friend Peter was an early member of the Society (number 29) along with Margaret his wife and played a major part in the Society's development and running. He was a Committee member for very many years, Chairman at one time and latterly Vice President. He organised many events, especially the Year 2000 weekend with international participants and the Ipswich weekend, and spent much time and energy in helping numerous members and others at home and abroad with their research.

Indeed, Peter researched and maintained a vast computer register of Joslins of all spellings together with creating and hosting an extensive website with relevant information of all kinds. Travelling to many meetings from Morecambe in Lancashire to Essex, he also participated in two Society visits to France.

He was also a leading member of the Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society of which he was an Executive and Trustee for 11 years and Treasurer for two after which he was elected a Vice President. Earlier, he had joined the local branch and had soon become Chairman of that. Peter and Margaret were also both involved with the Royal Observer Corps for over 30 years.

Initially researching Margaret's Wetherill family in North Yorkshire, Peter soon explored his own ancestry and was able to link with a number of Essex Joslins both by document and then by DNA. He traced his family back to Richard Joslin born 1730 in Essex but tantalisingly the trail then ran cold.

Born in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, the elder of twin brother Paul Michael, his parents were Walter James Joslin (of Witham, Essex) and Dorothy Bond. His first job was at Williamson's linoleum factory in Lancaster where he became foreman to his department but when the firm closed to merge with Nairns in Scotland, Peter decided to try his hand as a professional photographer as he had been interested in photography for some time.

The business progressed in commercial work for large construction firms, architects and Lancaster City Council amongst others. Additional work included weddings and portraits. In 1970, following a period when he chartered a Cessna aircraft to take aerial pictures around Lancaster, his photos found their way to those involved in the construction of the Heysham Nuclear Power Station and he was contracted to take progressive photos of the two nuclear reactors that were being built. This also involved taking remote photos in very confined spaces. Hartlepool power station was another assignment.

Peter and Margaret married in 1959 and had two children: Andrew Peter Joslin, married to Anna with three children, and Karen, married to Jeremy Makinson with whom she carries on the photograhic tradition.

Peter's was a life fully lived with a loving and close family and in giving service to others in many fields. He will be sadly missed indeed.

Ben Joscelyne from Peter's "My Life Story"

MICHAEL NEWSOME JOSCELYNE

21 August 1917 - 15 February 2016



Michael was born in Stanway Rectory, Colchester, now a school, and was only six weeks old when news came of his father's death fighting in the first world war. At ten he became a boarder at Bishops Stortford College and was a keen rugby player, playing in the First XV for the school and afterwards for Southend and Colchester. Later, while in the army during officer training, he played in the first team alongside a Welsh and an Irish international. He also enjoyed athletics setting a school record for the 220 yards which is still unbeaten as the event was later changed to 200 metres!

When war was declared, he volunteered for the Royal Artillery and served in an anti-aircraft battery during the Battle of Britain. He was then posted to India and then Burma and in late 1942 volunteered for "V" Force, an irregular unit connected with the Special Operations

Executive which operated behind Japanese lines. He never said much about the war other than telling of many amusing happenings.

Shortly after the war, Michael emigrated to Canada and did a number of jobs including working as an armed guard at a reservoir in British Columbia. This entailed long periods in a remote log cabin where he wrote short stories. This started in India and became a life-long interest. He rarely had them published but did have occasional successes including one story broadcast on the BBC and also in South Africa.

After six years, he heard news that his sister's husband, Cecil, had died suddenly leaving her to run Churchfield's Farm and bring up four young boys alone, so he returned to England to support them. Then in the mid 1950's he moved to London and joined Oxford University Press as an editor for various publishing houses and an art magazine. During this time he met his wife Mary and they married in 1967.

Michael also had an interest in the stage and enjoyed acting in amateur dramatics in London and once performed in a play at the Edinburgh Fringe where he alone of the cast was praised in the actors newspaper "The Stage." By 1971 having moved to Warminster he was now a family man in his fifties with two young children. This involved long trips to the seaside in Cornwall and much fun.

After retirement, Michael, still active and fit, played in the local badminton club and liked to demonstrate that he could do head stands into his seventies. Well into his nineties, he and Mary continued their visits to London to see friends, visit the theatre and attend art lectures as well as going on holidays. He regularly walked into town for his newspaper and to shop.

It was only into his 98th year that he could no longer live independently but his mind remained active. His son Paul on whose Appreciation this is based says: "My father was good and kind, unassuming but quietly self-confident. He had clear values and stuck to them. He cared for and supported his family. He valued his friends. He had the courage to follow the paths that interested him or he thought right rather than those that were easiest. He did his duty by his country. He lived long enough to enjoy grandchildren and died peacefully in bed. In short he lived a full life."

Condensed from an Appreciation by **Paul Joscelyne**

Michael was the third child of Clement Percy Joscelyne and Rosamund Edith Baxter, his elder brother being Richard Clement Joscelyne and his sister Patricia Mary Joscelyne who married Cecil Thomas Davies.

His grandfather was Clement Joscelyne the founder of the Bishops Stortford furnishing business who was born in 1847 in Braintree. Michael married Mary Hurrell who remains a Society member and their children are Clare Jannis Mason and Paul Michael Joscelyne.

(Note by Ben Joscelyne)

THE INN KEEPERS

Daniel Joslin and Mary Ann Double

By Trevor Joslin

[Chapter 2 of Trevor's Book.]

If only a building could tell its story, this building would have so much to tell. This old landmark in Colchester has played an important role in my family's history, and also in the life of the many patrons who frequented this establishment. My ancestors lived, loved, fought, and played in its old rooms and corridors. Daniel and Mary Ann Joslin were proprietors of the "Welcome Sailor Inn". All of their children were born there, and that includes my great grandfather. The Inn was host to many, its bars filled with life, good humour, conflict and cheer. It has endured the rigours of time and after approximately 180 years, the building still remains, standing proud of its past and enjoying the protection afforded by heritage status.

Daniel Joslin, who was a proprietor of the "Welcome Sailor Inn" was born in 1806 in the village of Holton in Suffolk. As a young man, probably in his 20s, he had lived in Higham, St. Mary, Suffolk. Life for Daniel must have been a struggle to survive because while living there he received a Removal Order. That meant that he was a financial burden on the parish of Higham and for this reason he was being sent back to Holton, his town of birth.

In this time, around 1820, funds had been set up to help the poor to survive. However as the poor became a bigger burden on these limited funds, other measures were adopted to try and cope with the growing poverty problem. This finally led to the establishment of poorhouses. I think Daniel's move to Colchester was an effort to find work. It meant he had to leave the villages he knew and probably loved, but the larger towns was where the work was, in these changing times.

Edward Joslin (the younger brother of Daniel) married Mary Ann Double in 1833 at St. James Church in Colchester. The couple, like Daniel, had moved from country life in neighbouring Suffolk to the bigger town of Colchester in Essex. Edward and Mary Ann, together with their families, had lived next door to each other as young people, while their fathers worked the Tenant farm.

Daniel was at the wedding and made his mark as a witness on the marriage certificate, thus indicating he could not read or write.

Sadly Mary Ann's husband, Edward, died before their first child, a son was born. Edward's burial took place in the churchyard of St. James Church, Colchester in August 1835.

Approximately 16 months later, on Christmas day, 1836, Mary Ann was again in St. James's Church this time marrying Daniel, her brother-in-law. The marriage was by licence, which meant they had to pay for it, and unlike being married by banns, there was little waiting time. Edward's baby was now 1 year old and being a boy, Mary Ann had named him Edward, after his father.

The 1841 census shows Daniel, aged 30, living in East Street, Colchester, and working as a labourer. It states that he was not born in Essex. It also shows Mary Joslin, aged 30, wife, and the following children all born in Essex: Edward aged 6; Alfred aged 4; Sarah aged 1; and Ellen also aged 1. Ellen and Sarah were twins. Ellen died very young - she never made her 2nd birthday.

I think that Daniel's occupation may have been recorded incorrectly on the census, as his occupation on all his children's christening certificates since 1837 had shown him to be a publican.

Edward, Daniel's brother, had been described as a "Victualler" on his son's baptismal certificate. This could mean he supplied ships with food and beverage or it could also mean he was a licensed hotel keeper. Mary Ann would have gained experience in this field while being married to Edward, and probably assisted her new husband Daniel to become a beer retailer. In addition, their daughter Mary Ann junior was born on the 26th July 1844 at the Welcome Sailor Inn. This means that Daniel and Mary Ann were operating the Welcome Sailor by 1844. Add to this, Daniel was first listed on his son's christening certificate as a publican in 1837. One possible theory is that Edward Joslin and Mary Ann had occupancy of the Welcome Sailor prior to Edward's death, and that Daniel moved in after his marriage to Mary Ann.

When taking into account all the dates and information, it would seem very likely Daniel and Mary Ann occupied the Welcome Sailor Inn from approximately 1836. It is situated on the corner of East Street and Ipswich Road, in Colchester. Having "Inn" in the title usually meant there were rooms available for travellers to stay in. There was no electricity back then so the inn would have been dimly lit, relying on lanterns and candles. The toilet would have been an earth closet in the back yard. There was no running water. Water came from a community well, usually in a local square or similar public place. Because quite a few people would have smoked, the atmosphere inside the pub would have been smokey and quite thick. At least there were gas streetlights to light the way home.

The 1861 census shows there are five children left at home in the inn, Sarah aged 21 is a dress maker, Frederick aged 19 is an apprentice blacksmith, Mary Ann aged 16 did not have an occupation recorded - maybe she was helping her parents run the inn. Daniel aged 15 was an apprentice printer and Joseph aged 11 was at school. I think Daniel and Mary Ann must have been doing very well, due to the fact that two of their sons were apprentices. In this era, apprentices had to pay their employer to be taught their trade. By this time Edward, the only child of Ann and her first husband, was married. He and his wife lived in their own dwelling, which was also in East Street.

Elizabeth Josselyn, Daniel's mother was also living with them in the inn, according to the 1861 census. She is listed as a widow, aged 91, born in Harwich, Essex. She died later that same year, but 91 was a very good age and would have been seen as a long life for anyone to achieve in 1861.

The inn would have been a meeting place for the regulars, and they would have referred to it as "the local". It would have bound them together as a community, like members of a club. Working men and women were required to work hard for long hours, often in bad conditions during the industrial revolution. However at least there were jobs. Meeting with friends at the local would have been a great way to socialise and forget about one's hardships for a while.

An incident that involved the landlord, Daniel Joslin, took place in 1868 and was reported in the Chelmsford Chronicle. Daniel was required to give evidence at an inquest into the death of one of his customers of 20 years. The deceased was a pensioner, a retired infantry man, possibly from the Colchester Barracks. He lived in a cottage not far from "The Welcome Sailor Inn." Daniel heard from one of his patrons that the old man had had a fall. Daniel visited his friend and found him quite ill. He had apparently had a bit too much to drink, something he often did. He had subsequently fallen near his house and was badly injured. After Daniel's visit he was hospitalised but died in the hospital. The man had no relatives living, and the court deemed his landlord as the person who best knew the deceased.

Mary Ann died in 1868. She would have been 61 years old, and was married to Daniel for 32 years. It is possible that Mary Ann was the driving force in this relationship. She was literate and Daniel was not. Mary Ann was the one who applied for their marriage licence and it could be possible that she was the owner of the inn after Edward her first husband died.

One year after Mary Ann's death, Daniel married his second wife, Matilda Funnell, in Bromley, Kent. Matilda died in 1873 aged 64. They only had 4 years together.

An old newspaper clipping regarding the Inn, gives us a glimpse into the daily routine of those who worked looking after the guests as well as serving at the bars.

"During the Anglo French war of 1870, soldiers were billeted at the "Welcome Sailor Inn" Matilda, (Daniel's second wife), was paid 4d a head with strict military orders regarding clean beds. Matilda was paid a further 6d a head for providing three meals a day." It sounds like a lot of work these days, for the equivalent of 1 shilling per soldier per day but in 1870 it would have been a value addition to the weekly takings.

In the 1871 census the couple were living in Ipswich Road, and Daniel gave his occupation as Labourer.

Daniel held this position as landlord of the "Welcome Sailor Inn" for 35 years.

The building ceased trading as an inn in 1981. Today it has been transformed into an Indian restaurant and possibly smells more of curries than ale and tobacco. However, such is its standing in this historic city of Colchester, that it enjoys heritage protection for future generations.

Two years after once again becoming a widower, Daniel married Mary Gladwin at St James Church, Colchester. Mary was 20 years his junior being 49 years old. On their marriage certificate he gave his occupation as Publican.

The Essex Standard reported on 7 August 1875, that at the Annual Brewster's sessions, "Unexceptional tenant Daniel Joslin of Sawyers Arms Inn, Magdalen Street in Colchester was granted a licence". From this it would appear that Daniel again became a publican, taking over the Sawyers Arms when aged about 69. He held this position for the next 6 years.

By the 1881 census Mary (nee Gladwin) and Daniel are living in the Gift Houses, Donyland Road, Colchester and Daniel is shown as a retired Innkeeper.

By all accounts Daniel was a staunch Liberal and took politics very seriously. Being a land owner, and also being male, meant he was one of the privileged people who were allowed to vote. It was not until

1918, that the law finally changed, making it possible for all men to vote in the U.K. Women had to wait a further 10 years. In 1928 women finally got the same voting rights as men.

Daniel died in 1893 aged 86. Mary died in 1909 aged 78. We believe they are both buried in Colchester cemetery.

Trevor Joslin 30 March 2016

‘Josselin Takes A Hand’

Some time ago I was browsing through a shelf of secondhand books on the Isle of Wight. Amongst the rows of unwanted volumes I spotted a copy of ‘Josselin Takes A Hand’ by Andrew Cassals Brown. It was published, as a hardback, by Mills and Boon in 1927 and dedicated to Ian Hay ‘who knows why!’. Cost in those days 7s. 6d., to me secondhand 50p.

The tome can only be described as a Boy’s Own Paper book for grown-ups. It deals with spying before the First World War and is probably best introduced by the following review published in the New York ‘Saturday Review of Literature’ on November 5th 1927. The review in full reads: ‘Josselin and three of his friends, a quartette of grown-up British he-men meet in reunion for the first time since the War. While they are generally reviewing on the old days, Josselin begins to relate (his version of it requires three evenings for the telling) a remarkable experience of his own life at a period when for several years he was pitted against a criminal married to the girl Josselin loved. This man was a born malefactor, devoid of a single saving virtue, a moral monster to whom murder, theft, treason to his country were as natural as decent conduct to normal people. Josselin’s pursuit of his enemy led him over a goodly share of Europe, ending only when the two meet by chance in Greece, and Josselin, in self-defense {American spelling}, killed his foe. For a mystery adventure tale the book is unusually intelligent and well-written.’

The review gives little away. The four have relaxed after dinner in the smoking-room of the house of one of them, a more-or-less nameless doctor, Dick, who carries along much of the tale as well. The others are Charlie Josselin himself, who after Public School and Cambridge did a bit of exploring in Uganda, China and elsewhere, Duckworth an author and Frewen a schoolmaster at the old school. The language is very much of the time, valets, butlers, cooks and housemaids are in abundance as well as an ancient aunt who plays quite a major role. The description of the four in the room seated in armchairs round the fire with pipes, cigars and tumblers of whisky is memorable as they are ‘clad, each of them, in the conventional dinner garb of society, which incidentally, shows up a man’s true breeding than any other form of clothing on earth’. Character descriptions sum people up succinctly: ‘he was the whitest man I know’ and another was ‘a fearful-looking bounder called Hugo von Hammerstein’. Obviously one of the Boche to be beaten when war breaks out later in 1914. There are quite a number of sentences with less-than-PC content!

However, as the story develops we learn that our hero gets involved in counter-intelligence, at one point is drugged and kidnapped and only escapes death by signals from an Essex teenager, John Hawkins, whom he had met while scouting out the whereabouts of another of the villains. The lad was ‘about fourteen years of age, and was clad in corduroys, a well-knitted pair of brown stockings and a sound pair of boots’. After the War Hawkins farmed in Essex and Josselin attended his wedding there to ‘the youngest daughter of a peppery parson’ and was the godfather to the couple’s son.

All gets very complicated as the villain, Tim Duckit, has a double, Secret Servicemen are killed or maimed and a submarine appears in an Essex creek carrying the German with the

£30,000 for the villain's treasonable information, etc., etc. Duckit meets his end when Josselin is recovering from dysentery and jaundice after the battles in Gallipoli - however, the final double denouement is something you wouldn't expect and I won't divulge it. Have a look for a copy - there is one on Amazon at \$75 - remember I got mine for 50p.

So, who was Andrew Cassals Brown? A little research revealed he was born in 1875 and died in 1941. He qualified as a doctor in 1901 and married a budding artist, Rachel Wilson (1875-1953), that year in Edinburgh. He wrote other books, 'Dr Glazebrook's Revenge' (1928: N.Y.: Dodd and Mead) and 'Dark Dealings' (1930: Methuen) as well as a series of satires on First World War happenings under the pen name of Artemas. The couple also published illustrated books for children. They had two sons and there is an ophthalmologist, another Andrew, who is probably a grandson, working at present.

As a lot of the final half of the book is involved with Essex and Cassals Brown, after retiring from doctoring in the 1920s, was living in Bradwell-by-sea after that, I wonder if the name of his protagonist came from his travels around that area.

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MINUTES OF THE 25TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE JOSSELIN SOCIETY

held at St. Mark's College Audley End Saffron Walden Essex on Sunday 11th September
2016 at 3.30 pm

1 The Chairman Vernon Lane (109) welcomed the 19 members present.

2 Apologies were received from Margaret Joslin (29), Joy Brill (82), Bernard George (83), Philippa Riley (160), Susanne Mason (218), Timothy Joscelyne (220), John and Jenny Hines (228), Stuart Joscelyne (221), Tony & Ann Hayward (203), Stella Lane (109), Janet Bowley (210), Mike Garrick (269), Ken Joslin (132)

3 The Minutes of the AGM of the 12th September 2015 were approved.

4 Matters arising. None.

5 The Chairman's Report The society has a visible and invisible side to it with the following working in the background throughout the year who are deserving of our thanks. Ben Joscelyne (09) & Brenda Joscelyne (95) field the many questions the Society receives. Ben (09) has dealt with financial and membership matters for 25 years. John Hallum (137) for editing the Journal. Ben (09) arranges the printing and distribution of the Journal. In the foreground is the committee who meet once a year to discuss and decide the events and meetings of the society, usually nominating someone to make the arrangements. Thanks to Brenda (95) for the Waltham Abbey visit and Ben (09) for the Saffron Walden event. Is it time to think widely about the aims of the society? This will be introduced in AOB of the AGM. Membership numbers continue to be of concern with 3 members passing away in the last year.

6 Treasurer and Membership Secretary's report was given by Ben Joscelyne (09) tabling the accounts to 31 August 2016. Membership stands at 75 with five new members during the past year, but eight decided not to re-join, 3 awaited and 2 deceased. A thank you card to members

The accounts were inspected by Melvyn Joscelyne (08) who has agreed to continue in the future. There was a reduction of £300 in the bank balance caused in part by the higher costs of the AGM meeting and increased printing costs now that Simon (141) cannot provide colour copies. Vernon (109) expressed concern at the reduction in membership and that many new members came via Peter Joslin's website. Richard (38) said that if this was the case then this need to be replaced. Maureen (24) commented that the decline in membership was a general trend caused in part by social media. Marion (123) suggested advertising in the family tree magazines.

A proposal to accept the accounts was made by Richard Joscelyne (38) and seconded by Michael Brill (82) and this was agreed. It was decided that the society did not require any more funds therefore a proposal by Ben (09) and seconded by Maureen Binks (24) to keep the subscription at £10 was agreed.

Vernon Lane (109) advised that there was a need to review the signatories for the society bank account, currently there are three, Ben (09), Simon Gladas (141) and Peter Joslin who has passed away for which a replacement is needed. John (137) proposed Marion Richardson (123) and seconded by Nick Joscelyne (95).

This was approved and the current back mandate be continued as amended.

7 Election of Officers and Committee

Honorary member The Earl of Roden

President Richard Joscelyne (38)

Vice-President Vacant

First two posts of the above were re-elected. The position of Vice-President was offered to Brenda Joscelyne (95) who was pleased to accept – proposed by John Hallum (137) and seconded by Richard Joscelyne (38)

Chairman: Vernon Lane (109)

Vice Chairman: Michael Brill (82)

Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Ben Joscelyne (09) Minute Secretary: Simon Gladas (109)

Committee: John Hallum (137), Brenda Joscelyne (95), Melvyn Joscelyne (06), Derek Joslin (124) and Marion Richardson (123). All were willing to stand and were elected. There is one vacancy for which Ben (09) wished to extend an invitation to Mike Garrick (269)

John Hallum is willing to continue as Journal Editor.

8 Election of Accounts Examiner Vernon (109) asked if this position should be held by a committee member and following discussion it was decided that it would be acceptable to continue with Melvyn Joscelyne (08) who has agreed to examine the accounts next year.

9 Events and AGM in 2017 Vernon (109) asked the meeting how many events the society should hold a year and a show of hands indicated that the 2 events currently held should continue.

What kind of event – Vernon asked if we prefer 1 or 2 day events, Michael (82) suggested that there should be a Joslin theme at the AGM, Richard (38) said that a good speaker is needed that should relate to Joslins, Marion (123) thought the weekend event is important to retain.

Where – the committee will investigate venues at their next meeting.

When – the AGM in Sept/Oct and June for the summer event. There were no strong views on Sat or Sun.

Dates would be decided for events and AGM at the next committee meeting, which may be held in February 2017

10 Any other business Vernon raised 4 topics.

Websites - Timothy Joscelyne (220) who looks after the society website reported in the last committee meeting that he is trying to move the website on but other things take over the time available. Ben (09) offered to “smarten up” the description of the society’s activities on the website.

Facebook – Ben advised that Mike Garrick (269) has offered to set up an account though at the last committee meeting Dereck Joslin (124) has also offered to do it. Vernon suggested that both are to be asked to look at it and attend the next committee meeting to discuss and then a proposal could be made to the society via the Journal. Ben to contact both of them, the committee to discuss & put a proposal to members if thought an account was suitable. Members present at the meeting were very divided.

Future – Over the last 25 years of family history the research has moved extensively to online methods. Workshops were the future in 1990’s but increasingly not necessary though newcomers still need advice which Ben (09) and Brenda (95) can provide. What is the society offering in the long term? How can research material be used and who will manage it?

Custody of Records – Richard (38) put to the meeting that the Journal should be open to the public and online and comments invited to be sent to the editor for forwarding to the author of the article. Marion (123) asked why not publish the Journal? Vernon (109) advised that privacy of contributors and the subject matter would cause difficulties. Following discussions it was agreed not to publish the Journal online; the contents were listed on the society’s website.

Richard (38) added that an archivist was needed and a point of contact to answer queries.

The chairman thanked all those who attended.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm

List of those who attended the AGM:

Melvyn & Christine Joscelyne (08), Ben Joscelyne(09), Maureen Binks (24), Michael Brill (82), Nick and Brenda Joscelyne (95), Vernon Lane (109), Marion Richardson (123), John and Jean Hallum (137), Norman and Carol Wiles (179), Brian Joscelyne (267), Simon Gladas (141), Richard Joscelyne (38), Linda Joslin (132), Elisabeth Miller, and Helen Woolford (199) 19 members.

Minutes by Simon Gladas (141).



Vice-president, Brenda Joscelyne.

It was a privilege and a pleasure to nominate Brenda for the vacancy which occurred on the death of Peter Joslin.

Brenda has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Society since its formation, travelling to most of the events and visiting members to assist where possible, physically and with their research.

She has been actively supported by her husband Nick, especially during the past few years whilst painfully confined to a wheelchair, although she is now back to walking following surgery, leaving Nick to carry on his general help in the background.

It is a well earned honour.

John Hallum.

THE JOSSELIN SOCIETY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31/8/2016

2014/15	RECEIPTS	2015/16	2014/15	PAYMENTS	2015/16
1092.77	<u>BALANCE IN HAND 1/9/15</u>	1606.55		<u>PRINTING - BDC</u> JOURNAL 57 47.60	143.60
702.00	<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u> for 2015/16 660.00 for 2016/17 80.00	740.00	150.96	58 50.00 59 46.00	882.92
8.00	<u>DONATIONS</u>	6.00		<u>WEBSITE - 3 years hosting</u>	360.00
-	<u>CONGRESHALL/DOLPHIN and AGM MEETING</u>	440.00	210.21	<u>DOLPHIN - Lunches</u> 310.00 <u>- Talk</u> 50.00	
5.00	<u>BADGE</u>	-		<u>SECRETARY'S EXPENSES</u>	369.12
200.00	<u>RETURN MEXE DEPOSIT</u> <u>White Hart, Molyneux Ty</u>	-		<u>CONGRESHALL ABBEY</u> 352.00 <u>NO. 9003, POSTAGE</u> 17.12 <u>ICELANDIA NOTES</u> 13.78 <u>SUBSIDISED ENTRIES</u> 45.45	579.33
	<u>REDUCTION IN FUNDS IN YEAR</u>			<u>JOURNAL POSTAGES</u>	121.87
	<u>START OF YEAR</u> 1606.55		77.75	57 40.98 58 37.03 59 41.85	11.99
	<u>LESS END OF YEAR</u> 1317.26		862.30	<u>QUARFORD MILLS</u> <u>POSTAGES</u>	25.00
			801.22	<u>ST. MADA'S COLLEGE DEPOSIT</u>	30.00
			1606.55	<u>COMMITTEE LUNCH</u>	21.62
				<u>SUMMIES</u>	-
				<u>GIFT TO ASTOR JUBIN</u>	-
				<u>SEPTEMBER 2016 MEETING</u>	-
				<u>BALANCE IN HAND 31/8/2016</u>	1475.29
2407.77		1742.55	2407.77		1317.26
					2792.55



Bridge End Gardens



Saffron Walden Church



Most of the attendees at the AGM at St Mark's College.



Bridge End Gardens



A welcome cup of coffee at the Fry Gallery



Richard Joscelyne, seated, was at school with Richard Bawden.



Members enjoying the facilities at the Fry Gallery

BRAINTREE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CADET CORPS, ESSEX

**Arthur Garrett JOSCELYNE 1903 --1978 Edward BAWDEN CBE RA 1903 – 1969
HERBERT Adolphus RICHARDSON 1901 – 1968**

On the occasion of our Society's visit to The Fry Art Gallery in Saffron Walden on September 11th 2016, as described in Ben Joscelyne's article elsewhere in this journal, I took with me a photograph and notebook both of which had **JOSCELYNE**, **BAWDEN** and **JOSLING** connections. You will see the photo and a page of the notebook in the accompanying illustrations. Mr Gordon Cummings, Hon.Sec. of The Fry Art Gallery has been pleased to receive copies of each for the Gallery archives because of the strong links with Edward Bawden.

The photograph and notebook are in my possession because my father, Herbert Adolphus Richardson attended Braintree County High School in Essex and was a corporal in the school cadet corps.

In the photograph, you will find Arthur **JOSCELYNE** in the third row from the front and fourth from the right. Arthur is the father of our member Melvyn **JOSCELYNE** and the late Dennis and Brenda, and also uncle to members Ben and Brian **JOSCELYNE**. To Arthur's right is Edward **BAWDEN**. My father is in the second row from the front and seated fourth from the right.

The notebook contains the record of attendances for part of the corps. Perhaps keeping those records was one of my father's duties as a corporal and so he retained the notebook. The names on the illustrated page include Arthur Joscelyne, Edward Bawden and Herbert Richardson and can clearly be seen together with the corresponding dates of attendance which are all within 1917. Previous pages mentioning Arthur and Edward relate to 1916.

Another reason for mentioning my father is because his grandmother was Priscilla **JOSLING**. Priscilla married Adolphus Richardson from Boreham near Chelmsford in 1860 and their son was named Herbert Frederick Josling Richardson. In 1900 H F J Richardson married Jane Hannah Williams and their eldest son was my father – Herbert Adolphus Richardson.

Priscilla **JOSLING** was the eleventh child of Peter **JOSLING** and his wife Catherine nee Wackrill. Peter, born 1789, was a farmer in Sandon near Chelmsford, Essex. Unfortunately, as yet I haven't been able to track further back from the above Peter, partly I think because of a possible Josling / Joslin confusion. So, I'd be delighted if anyone reading this article is able to shed further light on that line.

Marion Richardson, Member 123



BRAINTREE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CADET CORPS, ESSEX (Continued)



Key: 3rd row from front; 5th from rt, Ed Bawden; 4th from rt, Arthur, Joscelyne
 2nd row from top; 4th from rt, Herbert Richardson

Name.	Rank.	Attendance.																			
Robson N.E. Loo.	Cpl.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Richardson H.	Cpl.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Ronald C.C.C.	Pte.	a	a	a	a	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Bawden E.	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Brown J.	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Broxall R.	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
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Gibbs A.	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Hughes E.	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Joscelyne A.G.	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Page J.S.	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
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Harris F.A.	"					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Absentees (No)		2	2	2	3	0	1	2	0	1	2	3	1	1	3	1	2	2	1	3	
Date.		Apr 28/17	May 2/17	May 5/17	May 6/17	May 11/17	May 15/17	May 19/17	May 22/17	June 6/17	June 9/17	June 11/17	June 16/17	June 20/17	June 23/17	June 26/17	June 30/17	July 2/17	July 5/17	July 9/17	



View up Castle Street with Josselin House projecting over the footpath



Josselin House

A Josselyn connection to Anglesey Abbey.**John Hallum (137)**

In June 2014, we had a society visit to Anglesey Abbey (a National trust property) where we basked in the sun, admired the gardens and toured the Mansion. (See Josselyn Journal number 55.)

Little did I know then that our Josselyn ancestors had an involvement with the Abbey during the 1800s and early 1900s.

Thanks to the research carried out by Wendy Corbett Kelley, as detailed in her recent publication, *Finding My Place in Time*, our Lay family 'cousins' had more than a passing interest in the Abbey.

The Lay family had a very involved connection with the East Anglian Josselyns; four successive generations of Lay married four generations of Josselyn's.

Also in 1810 my 3xgreat-grandfather Thomas Hallum married Elizabeth Lay and two generations later my grandfather Thomas Hallum married Henrietta Josselyn.

In 1834 Jane Elizabeth Lay, the youngest daughter of (the then late) John Lay and Mary Ward was introduced via a mutual friend to the Rev John Hailstone, vicar of Shudy Camps, Cambridgeshire; they were married the next year and soon started a family at the rectory there.

John was shortly afterwards transferred to a new living as Vicar of Holy Trinity, Bottisham, a parish which included the Anglesey Abbey site and the village of Lode. It was quite an extensive parish being some 4 miles from Bottisham to Lode, a particularly long walk for the parishioners of Lode especially during the winter months. It was John's wish to build another church in Lode to relieve the parishioners of this task. He received permission from the church authorities to build a church in Lode village and, with contributions from John himself and others, the church of St James was built. Meanwhile, Jane had conceived the idea of building a school for the children at Bottisham and likewise had raised sufficient contributions, including her own, to do so next to the Vicarage.

The Rev John Hailstone was the son of Samuel Hailstone a wealthy Bradford, Yorkshire businessman. In 1848, John received a considerable inheritance from his uncle John's estate. This enabled him to buy the crumbling Abbey and its land of almost 100 acres. He received a further inheritance when his father died in 1851.

Anglesey Abbey had been established as a monastery in 1100 and rebuilt on the original base in the 1400s. It was abandoned as a place of worship at the time of the Dissolution by Henry VIII and had fallen into ruin. John resolved to make it watertight and then restore it as a home for his large family.

His major structural task was to transfer the Main entrance to a new porch constructed in the angle of the L-shaped building; facilitating what is now the Long Gallery.

By 1860, the family were able to move into the Abbey. John had a minor stroke in mid 1860's and on medical advice, he relinquished his ministry and retired to the Abbey.

By 1868, they were finding it too cold to remain in the Abbey throughout the winter periods so they took rooms in an impressive four-storey terrace block at Scroop Terrace in Cambridge. It was there that John died in 1871. Jane survived him for twenty years, she also dying at these rooms in 1891. Lode Church has memorial windows to John & Jane and the churchyard has ten family gravestones .

During our visit and tour of the Abbey, we heard much about the work of Lord Fairhaven, son of a wealthy American oil family, who acquired the estate in 1926 and spent his inheritance refurbishing and furnishing the Abbey with antiques and paintings; but nothing of the contribution of the Rev John Hailstone and his family [albeit there is a small brass memorial plate in the porch and a guide book mention]; without his efforts there would have been no Abbey to refurbish..

My grateful thanks to Wendy for allowing me to quote from her Research Work.

National Shell Filling Factory, Chilwell. Eric Joslin 175 & Maureen Binks 24

Journal 59 included a report on the Society visit to the Royal Gunpowder Mills at Waltham Abbey. Following this, our Secretary Ben Joscelyne was contacted by **Eric F. Joslin (175)** to say he had some photographs relating to a similar factory at Chilwell Notts.

Maureen Binks (24) relates the substance of the her meeting with Eric to follow up his phone call.

“Earlier this year I was contacted by Ben, our Membership Secretary, to ask me if I would collect some material which one of our members had agreed to loan us for display at our September meeting.

What a revelation this was. The member in question was Eric F. Joslin (no 175) who in July had celebrated his 102nd birthday. Since my first visit I have spent several hours in his company and enjoyed every minute. He has a wonderful sense of humour and *joi de vivre*. He may no longer be able to do his own gardening but he is still an active member of his Lodge and as such is their almoner. As he told me, this involves checking on the welfare of the elderly, most of whom are widows.

The following is the article as researched by the B.B.C. for an investigation programme together with an account written by Maureen Rushton for Nottinghamshire Family History Society. The photographs of the Chilwell shell filling factory where Eric's father was employed as an accountant are from Eric's private collection.

The location of the factory was kept secret and it had a good safety record. The employees were dealing with highly volatile substances and when issues regarding the safety and protection of the workers were raised improvements were swiftly implemented.

In view of this it was a total surprise when disaster struck and a major explosion destroyed the factory. This was during a working day and 134 workers were killed and 250 were injured, many severely. This major tragedy was not publicized at the time as it was feared the information about a major munitions factory could fall into enemy hands.

The tragedy and the rumours about how the 'accident' occurred were investigated in 2003 by the B.B.C. but no real proof was forthcoming so we will all have to *draw our own conclusions*.”

The National Shell Filling Factory was a purpose built factory. The site at Chilwell was chosen because it had good transport access, a nearby population and was surrounded by high ground (in case of accident). The factory began production on 8 January 1916, less than 4 months after work on the building began on 13 September 1915. The facilities for employees included a Red Cross Hospital, a canteen, rest rooms, a recreation club and sports facilities. The factory had produced 1 million shells by September 1916; NSFF filled 60% of the shells used during the war as well as filling 25,000 mines for the Royal Navy and 2,500 large bombs for the Royal Flying Corps/RAF. The NSFF achieved a national record on 15 June 1918 when workers filled 46,725 shells in one 24 hour period. At its peak, the factory employed 6,000 men and 4,000 women.

The explosion on 1 July 1918 killed 134 workers, the majority of whom would never be identified, and wounded 250 others; five dying later of their injuries.

A Home Office inquiry was convened in July 1918 ; the report was classified 'secret' but the cause of the explosion was believed to have been accidental.

On 13 March 1919, the Duke of Portland, the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, unveiled a memorial on the site of the explosion. A tragic event brought to life.



Photo; The Stilwell Memorial.

The pictures which immediately follow are a selection of Eric's photos relating to the Gunpowder Mills.



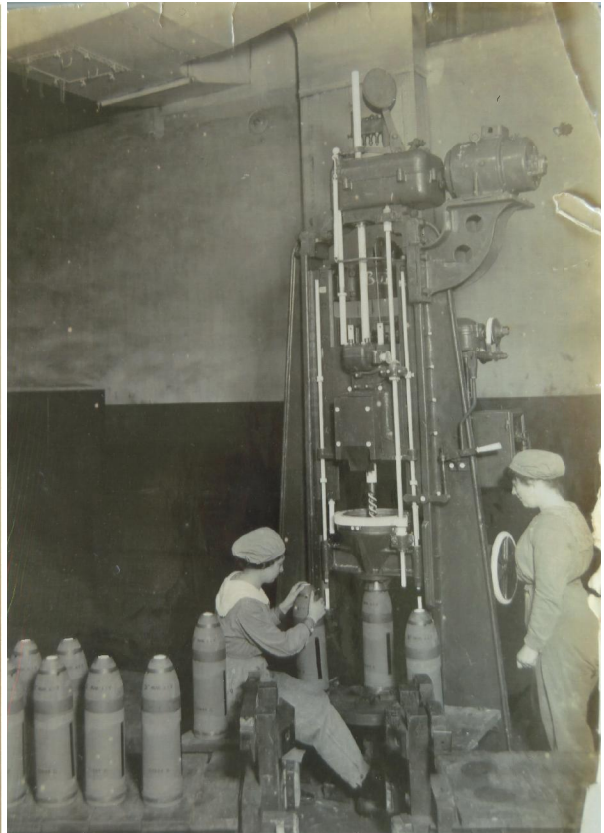
The workforce at the factory.

Below;
"A Forest of Shells".





DOING THEIR BIT
EIGHTEEN AND
EIGHTY.



Assembling the shells

“Doing their Bit -Eighteen or Eighty”

Below: Workers turn out to welcome the first Steam Train on the newly completed line linking to the main road & rail facilities.





The wreckage after the explosion.

[Many thanks to Maureen Binks for her effort in visiting Eric and then arranging for an acquaintance to copy the photographs and transfer them onto an archive quality disc which she posted on to me.

Further photos of Eric's father, grandfather & gt.grandfather are included on page 24.

Editor]

Some 11th and 12th century Cousins.

Richard Joscelyne (38)

Jocelin of Louvain.

On the accompanying Chart I [see next page] have attempted among other things to show the connection, such as it is, between Ralph Jocelin and Jocelin of Louvain. Clearly the connection is not through any of the three or four families who adopted the surname Joselin at the beginning of the 13th century. Jocelin of Louvain and Ralph's son John were however distant cousins (third cousins four times removed) through the Counts of Louvain who occasionally used Jocelin as a Christian name.

Eustace of Boulogne, Godgifu, Edward the Confessor and Earl Godwin.

I have outlined some of these connections in a recent article in the Journal. However, the visit of Eustace II and his entourage to Edward the Confessor in 1049 may also be of some relevant interest.

Eustace was, or had been, Edward's brother in law, through his first marriage to Godgifu the daughter of Ethelred 'the Unready'. By order of Pope Leo, this marriage had been dissolved in the previous year (1048), effectively as a punishment for joining the rebellion of 1047 against the Pope's ally, the Holy Roman Emperor Henry II, very soon after inheriting his title. The purpose of this visit is not known. But it is reasonable to suppose that it touched on the rebellion against Emperor Henry, and the subsequent dissolution of Eustace's marriage to Edward's sister. It is possible that Eustace's son Geoffrey accompanied his father in this visit as there is a contemporary account of the imprisonment of Eustace's 'nepos' after an affray which occurred in Dover as Eustace and his entourage were returning to Boulogne.* Nepos'

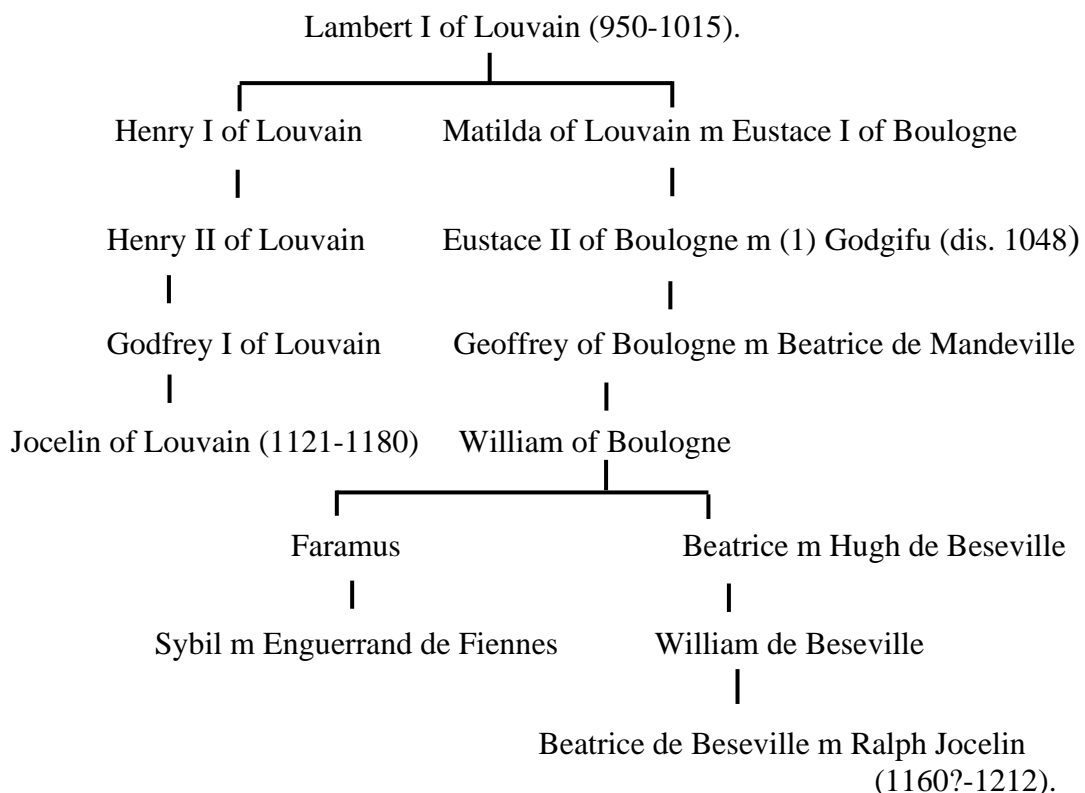
means literally ‘nephew’ but was also used to signify other relationships, among them that between a father and his illegitimate son. So in this case the ‘nepos’ may have been his son (and our ancestor) Geoffrey.

Clearly this does not in any sense ‘prove’ that Geoffrey was in fact the son of Eustace and Godgifu. The suggestion that he accompanied his father on a visit to his ‘Uncle Edward,’ is of course speculative.

The Fiennes Connection.

Unfortunately this kind of speculation, based upon ‘wishful thinking’ is all too common among those engaged in genealogical studies. I picked up in a bookshop the other day a family history by Ranulph Fiennes: ‘My family, the Battle of Agincourt and the Fight for France’. There I found, boldly claimed, the same Royal Inheritance, through Godgifu’s marriage to Count Eustace II, back to Ethelred the Unready, as has been tentatively suggested for our own family. The claim is the same as, and no more substantial than, our own. Enguerrand de Fiennes made a fortunate marriage to Sybil de Boulogne in the mid-12th century. Through Sybil’s father Faramus he inherited very considerable estates, which provided the base for the Fiennes family fortunes in England. He died at the battle of Acres during the first Crusade, but not before leaving a son to inherit. As you will see from the chart Beatrice Jocelin’s father William was a first cousin of Sybil. The Jocelin inheritance from Faramus was alas more modest than that of the Fiennes family but nevertheless the starting point for the Jocelin family fortune.

**The affray did have important consequences: Godwin earl of Essex, and his son, later King Harold, were banished from England for a period for joining in the fight against Edward’s honoured guest Eustace. Who was to succeed the childless Edward?*



Photos of Eric Joslin's Ancestors and the family business premises.



The business premises located at 127 Shirland Road, Paddington, London.