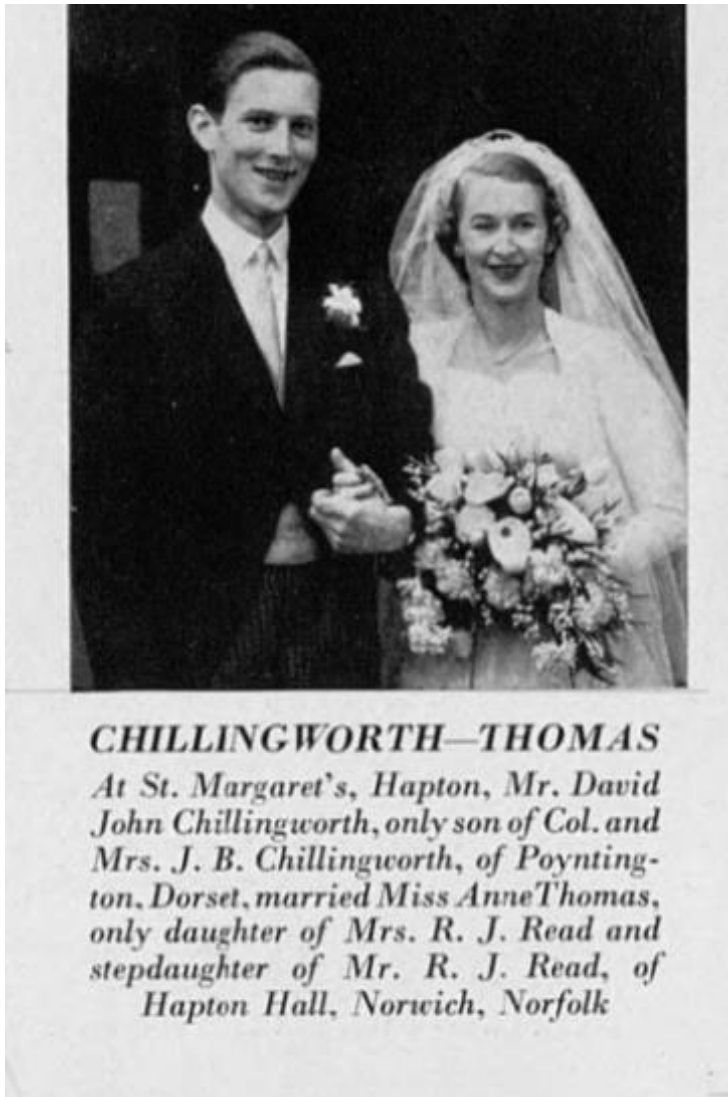


## 1950-1959

Hapton in the News – check if any are Hapton :Lancashire!

*The Tatler 15 April 1953*



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Hull Daily Mail 20 April 1949

MASON—CORNISH.—April 18, at St. Mary's, Lowgate, by the Rev J. W. Carroll, followed by Nuptial Mass, Harold Stephen, of Hapton, Norfolk, to Audrey Mona, only daughter of Mrs Cornish, 108, Victoria-ave., Hull. P

Diss Express 03 September 1948

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Diss Express 17 September 1948

## Cyclist and Constable in Collision

### Obstruction Charge Fails at Long Stratton

Chasing a cyclist riding without lights at Flordon a constable was thrown from his cycle in a collision with the cycle of the offending cyclist's brother.

At Long Stratton Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, the brothers Stephen Robert Jacob and Cecil Frederick Jacob, both of Stone House, Hapton, were summoned respectively for cycling without lights and obstructing a police officer in the execution of duty.

P.c. Balls said that at 11.15 p.m. on July 26th, at Flordon, he saw Stephen Robert Jacob cycling without lights with two more cyclists who had lights. When asked to stop the defendant increased speed riding off in the direction of Hapton. Witness gave chase on his cycle, and was nearly abreast of defendant when his brother shouted out, "Mind where you are going, where is your rear light?" Cecil Frederick Jacob then attempted to overtake witness and their cycles collided. They were both thrown into the road and the brother got away. Defendant complained witness had no rear light but he pointed out that defendant himself had a good front light and that as it was not a dark night he could see his machine quite easily. Witness told defendant he had deliberately obstructed him with the intention of enabling his brother to get away. Defendant replied, "You had no rear light, I was on my own." Witness pointed out that his own rear light was operated by dynamo and quite in order.

Witness to the Chairman (Mr. E. C.

In reply to the Chairman (Mr. E. C. Hawkins) witness said he was bruised and grazed when he was thrown.

Harry William Land, of Hapton, said he returned from a British Legion meeting at Mulbarton with the Jacobs. At Flordon a constable passed witness and arriving at the bottom of Flordon Hill he saw the constable and one of the brothers lying in the road.

Cecil Frederick Jacob said he was guilty to being involved in an accident but not guilty to deliberate obstruction. They were all travelling far in excess of the normal speed. When the constable drew alongside his brother, he himself was speeding behind the officer. The constable suddenly braked and he was quite unable to avoid him. He denied wilfully causing the collision.

The Chairman: Why were you speeding behind the constable when you could see he was trying to catch the cyclist in front?

Defendant: Well I was not going to leave my brother in the lurch.

The Clerk (Mr. P. A. Bainbridge): Why did you shout out "mind where you are going?"

Defendant replied he had no time to shout out as they were all going at a terrific speed.

Re-called P.c. Balls denied the collision was caused by his sudden braking. The defendant had a good start and he was five or ten yards from the offending cyclist when the collision occurred.

After a lengthy retirement the Chairman announced that by a majority the Magistrates had decided to dismiss the charge of obstruction. Defendant was lucky to have escaped the ordinary fine of £5 for this offence though even to-day £5 was very little and the penalties under the Act had not been revised in keeping with present day conditions.

Stephen Robert Jacob was fined £2 for cycling without lights which the chairman observed was double what they usually imposed.

This defendant did not appear but wrote pleading guilty and tendered an apology for his absence.

Drifffield Times 03 July 1948

**MARRIAGES****ABEL—MOATE**

The marriage took place at Hutton Cranswick Trinity Methodist Church on Saturday of Mr. Alfred Walter Abel, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Abel, of Hapton, Norfolk, and Miss Kathleen Mary Moate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moate, Low Green, Hutton.

The Rev. C. H. Stanley officiated, assisted by the Rev. H. Pashley. Mr. F. Summerson was the organist and the hymns sung were "Praise my soul" and "O Father, all creating."

Given away by her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory figured satin with veil and train, and carried a bouquet of cream roses.

She was attended by Miss O. Abel (sister of the bridegroom) Miss E. Wilson (friend) and Mrs. J. Fetches (friend). Miss Abel and Miss Wilson wore dresses of salmon pink moss crepe with head-dresses of orchids, and Mrs. Fetches wore green moss crepe and orchid head-dress. All carried bouquets of mixed sweet peas.

Mr. H. Abel, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and groomsmen were Mr. C. Moate (bride's brother) and Mr. W. Falkingham (cousin).

A reception was held in the Foresters' Hall, after which the happy couple left for a honeymoon at Bridlington, the bride travelling in a mustard and brown tweed coat with brown accessories. She carried a handbag, the gift of the bridegroom, who received a signet ring from the bride. The bridesmaids were given powder compacts.

On leaving the church the bride was presented with lucky horseshoes by her nephew, Stephen Moate, and by David Cuthbertson.

Among the many presents received was a chromium companion set from the Fellowship members and Sunday School of the Methodist Church, Cranswick.

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Thetford & Watton Times and People's Weekly Journal. 14 April 1945

Auction Previously Postponed.

### HAPTON, NORFOLK

**R**AYMOND KING is instructed by the Personal Representatives, to Sell by Auction at the Royal Hotel, Norwich, on **FRIDAY, APRIL 20th, 1945**, at 4 p.m., in One Lot, the

#### FIVE FREEHOLD COTTAGES

situate in The Street, Hapton, in the occupation of Messrs. J. Coleman, Feak, Witham, Brown and W. H. Coleman at rents amounting to £35 15s. per annum.

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Diss Express 10 September 1943

### FUNERAL

The funeral took place on Thursday week, at Hapton, of Mrs. A. Shulver, late of Eye, who died at the age of 64 years.

The service was conducted by Canon Leeson, and the family mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Pooley (son-in-law and daughter); Mr. W. Shulver and Mr. C. Shulver (sons); Miss E. Jessup, Mrs. H. Duffield and Miss V. Shulver (daughters); Mrs. Steward and Rose (sisters); Mrs. Lovelock and son (friends).

Wreaths and floral tributes were received from: Florrie and Rose; Charlie, Doris and Mrs. Cattermole; little Hazel, William and Joyce; Rose, Violet and Harry; Mrs. Lovelock, Edie and Arthur.

1940-1949

Thetford & Watton Times and People's Weekly Journal. 15 May 1943



Diss Express 16 January 1942

**Affiliation Order**

Mrs. Beatrice Harper, Hapton, applied for an affiliation order against Gnr. R. E. Rudd.

Mrs. Harper stated that she had known Rudd since May, 1940, and had been friendly with him. On June 7th she gave birth to a female child, of which Rudd was the father. She had left her husband.

Defendant said he had no objection to an order being made.

He was ordered to pay 5/- a week until the child was 16 years of age.

Diss Express 10 April 1942

**No Driving Licence**

Pte. Herbert Camell, was fined £2 with 9/9 costs for driving a car without a driving licence or a Road Fund licence at Hapton, on March 7th.

P.-Sgt. W. Jarrod stated that he saw a car displaying an outdated Road Fund licence. He saw the owner, Camell, who said he had applied for it. Later, he again saw Camell, who said he was expecting that, together with the driving licence, by post. Defendant later showed him two

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new licences, but witness was unable to ascertain when they were applied for.

G. R. Armstrong, of the licensing office, Norwich, said the application for the licence had been made in person on March 9th.

Defendant, in Court, pleaded guilty, and said he had left the matter in his sister's hands.



Diss Express 01 August 1941

David Donald Tunmore of Wash Lane, Aslacton, was charged with driving a motor car without due care and attention at Hapton, on June 28th.

Mr. G. A. C. Perks defended and pleaded not guilty.

George Henry Andrews, of High Common, Hardingham, stated that on Saturday June 28th, at about 7 a.m. he was driving towards Wymondham through Hapton, at about 20 to 25 m.p.h. When he approached the main cross-roads he saw a car come out of a side road, in a flash, and he had no time to put on his brakes, so a collision occurred. The front of the car was badly damaged.

Lewis Jackson stated that he was a passenger in the previous witness' car, and as they were driving at 20 to 25 m.p.h. along towards the cross-roads he saw the car about a second before the collision occurred, and there was no time to do anything.

P.c. Newby stated that he received a report of an accident, and when he arrived at the cross roads the vehicles had not been moved. He spoke to defendant who said he stopped on approaching the main road and looked to his left to see if the road was clear. A hedge on his right impeded his view. A skid of 8-ft. was marked on the road to the rear of Andrew's car. On the road which defendant came out of was a "Slow, Major Road A-head" sign and it was possible for defendant to see a good distance along the road on his left.

Defendant stated that he was on his way to work and as he was coming up the lane he slowed down and stopped at the main road to see if all was clear, and then came on to the road. As he neared the cross roads a car driven by Andrews crashed into his car. He then suggested getting the police and went to phone, and as he could get no connection he borrowed a cycle and rode into the village and phoned the police. After the police arrived and saw everything he was able to drive his car away.

Mr. Perks said that it was not possible for the defendant to be blamed, and that it was not possible for anyone to see enough of the road to make sure if it was clear. He submitted that there was not enough evidence to prove the defendant guilty.

The case was dismissed.

#### Magistrates

The Magistrates were Mr. E. C. Hawkins (Chairman), Mr. G. A. Garrod, Mr. W. Morgan, Mr. W. Emms and Mr. J. A. G. Wales.

Diss Express 06 June 1941

## OVERCHARGING , AT HAPTON

### LONG STRATTON PETTY SESSIONS

At the Long Stratton Petty Sessions held on Tuesday, Reginald Hall Ludkin, of The Stores, Hapton, grocers, was charged with selling one pound of currants (dried fruits) to Mrs. Edith May Wilson of Church Cottages, Hapton, in excess of the maximum price at Hapton between 1st and 25th March, also with selling one pound of damson jam to Mrs. Wilson for 1s, a price in excess of maximum, on the 4th March at Hapton, and one pound of strawberry and gooseberry jam to Mrs. Wilson for 1s, being a price in excess of the maximum price at Hapton, 11th March and for selling two pounds of blackcurrant jam for 2/0½ being in excess of the maximum price to Mrs. Wilson at Hapton on the 15th March, and for failing to retain an invoice of dried fruits furnished to him by a firm of wholesalers.

Mr. G. A. C. Perks, (Messrs. Hill & Perks, Norwich) appeared for the prosecution and defendant was represented by Mr. Russell Stewart (Norwich), who pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Perks, outlining the case, stated that on the 4th of March, Mrs. Wilson went to the defendant's shop and purchased a one pound jar of damson jam and was charged a 1s which was 2½d too much. On the 11th of March she went to the shop and bought a one pound jar of strawberry and gooseberry jam, and Ludkin charged her 1/-, a penny too much according to the maximum price and on the 15th of March Mrs. Wilson purchased a two pound jar of blackcurrant jam, being charged 2/0½, whereas the price should have been 1/10½. Mrs. Wilson took certain steps and later Mr. Aldis, an Enforcement Officer of the Ministry of Food, saw Ludkin.

Under the Dried Fruits Prices Order, Mr. Perks continued, the retailer's margin of profit was again fixed, and on March 25th, Mrs Wilson paid 8d. for a pound of currants at defendant's store—1½d above the fixed price. The order required the retailer to retain invoices of dried fruit, and when asked to produce this defendant said he had lost it. A copy was later obtained from the wholesalers and the overcharge verified.

Mrs. Wilson stated that on 4th March, she bought a pound of damson jam and paid 1/- for it. On 11th March she purchased a pound jar of strawberry and gooseberry jam and Mr. Ludkin charged her 1/- for it, and on 15th March she bought a two pound jar of blackcurrant jam and was charged 2/0½ for it. Some time before the 5th March she bought a pound of currants and paid defendant 8d. for them.

Cross examined witness said she was not getting in a stock of jam. She knew she was being overcharged because the price went up each time she bought anything. When she realised she was being overcharged she wrote to the Food Officer and asked the price of the jam.

John Thomas Aldis, Rockland St. Peter, stated that on the 9th of April he saw defendant in his shop and informed him of the facts. He cautioned him and asked him if he wished to make a statement and defendant replied that he had no objection to making a statement. He then admitted selling the pound jar of damson jam for 1/-, after looking in his books, he admitted that it should have been only 9½d and he also admitted that he had charged 1/- for the strawberry and gooseberry jam and 2/0½ for the blackcurrant jam.

On the 15th of April he saw defendant with regard to the currants and told him he had received a complaint as to him charging 8d a lb. for them. He asked defendant for the invoice and he replied: "I have not got one." Witness made inquiries and found that the jam had come from Messrs. Copeman's of Norwich, on the 1st of May. He again saw defendant on May 1st in his shop and told him he had got a copy of the invoice from Messrs. Copeman & Sons, showing he had purchased 14 lbs of currants and had charged 2d. profit instead of 1½d. Defendant replied: "I remember having 14 lbs of currants from Copemans, and I shall ensure this profiteering shall not happen again."

Mr. Steward said he did not propose to put defendant in the box. The case stood or fell on the reputation of the business, which had been carried on for 45 years by defendant and his father before him without any previous complaint. He asked the Bench to believe that defendant was not going to risk losing that reputation by making paltry additions to the prices. Traders were labouring under great difficulties today. Prices and orders were continually changing, and it was difficult to keep pace with them. It was impossible for the trader to carry every price in his head. Defendant was guilty of overcharging, but a genuine mistake was made.

Defendant was fined £1 and 9/6 costs.

#### Magistrates

Messrs. E. C. Hawkins (in the chair), A. W. Hotson, W. Emms, W. Morgan.

Western Morning News 11 June 1940

## DIED AT PLYMOUTH

### Passing Of Dr. Francis E. Price

Death occurred at his home at 1, Dunkeld-villas, Plymouth, yesterday of Dr. Francis Edward Price, aged 60, following pleurisy.

Dr. Price went to Plymouth in 1910, after taking the degree of F.R.C.S. at Edinburgh University. He had previously been in India for ten years as medical officer to the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, after taking the degrees of M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where he did his training.

He was a keen sportsman, and represented St. Bartholomew's Hospital at tennis. He was also an enthusiastic cricketer.

Dr. Price was the only son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Price, of Hapton Rectory, Hapton, Norfolk, where he was born. He was educated at Felsted School. In 1913 he married Miss Florence M. Davis, elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Davis. He leaves a widow and two sons and a daughter. One of his sons is at present serving as a captain in the Army, and the other in the Navy with the rank of paymaster-lieutenant. Dr. Price himself served throughout the last war as a captain in the R.A.M.C.

He was for many years honorary medical officer to Plymouth Argyle F.C., and for twelve years medical officer to Plymouth Post Office. He was also official medical officer to Plymouth College.

About ten years ago he was W.M. of Sir Francis Drake Lodge, but gave up his Masonic activities about two years ago.

Diss Express 14 May 1937

**Obscene Language Charge.**

Harry Lemon, of 4 Council Houses, Hapton, was charged with using obscene language on the highway at Hapton, on April 24th.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Ernest Noel Hurry, of 2 Council Houses, Hapton, a lorry driver, said defendant lived next house but one to him.

On April 24th, between six and seven o'clock in the evening his wife asked him to call in their little boy, and as he got into his front garden Mrs. Lemon shouted at him. Defendant, who was just in his front gateway, went into the road, and used bad language. Witness's son was only playing with some more children in the road, and witness could see no reason why defendant should use such language. Defendant continued to use bad language for some time, and asked witness to go into the road and fight him.

Continuing, witness said there had been disturbances before, and last November he had written a letter, which had been signed by all the neighbours and sent to the Council, complaining of the bad language of defendant and his wife.

Corroborative evidence was given by Mrs. Alice Anscombe, Mrs. Eleanor Roberts, and Mrs. Maud Watson, neighbours.

Defendant said he was an unemployed, tubercular case. He had an allowance from the Council. All the neighbours had been persecuting his wife and himself for the past three years. It was over the children, who sometimes fought at school.

On April 24th, at about ten minutes to seven in the evening, his little boy was pushing along a box on four wheels, in which was a baby two years of age. Every time the box passed Hurry's boy he kicked it, and witness told him to stop it. Then Hurry came out to call the boy in and there was an argument. The charge brought against him by the neighbours was a "put-up job." He admitted swearing once or twice, but he had not used such bad language as had been mentioned in Court.

After a lengthy retirement, the Chairman said the Bench considered the charge proved and defendant would be fined 10s. The Chairman warned him to be more careful in future.

Lemon was given a month in which to pay.

## 1930-1939

Diss Express 13 July 1934

HAPTON v. LONG STRATTON.	
<p>From bowling and batting standpoints Hapton were definitely superior in their game on Saturday, with Long Stratton, at Hapton. The visitors, batting first put up a miserable display against the keen and deadly attack of D. Robinson and T. Anscombe and had it not been for Fennell's contribution of 14, their plight would have been even more serious. In eight overs, three of which were maidens, Robinson secured five wickets for 19 runs and improving on that good performance Anscombe had five wickets for 13 runs. Robinson also batted attractively for the homesters, hitting the highest individual innings 16 minum "Mr. Extras" unusually large crop of 25 and being largely responsible in an early victory which Hapton secured. F. Gooch was the most successful Long Stratton bowler, seven wickets falling to his credit during his long spell of work and he was punished for 19 runs. R. Wade had one wicket for 17 runs and D. Fennell one for 16. Details:</p>	
Long Stratton.	
R. Wade c Robinson b Anscombe .....	6
L. Gooch b Robinson .....	1
C. Thornton b Robinson .....	0
N. Cooley b Robinson .....	1
T. Smith b Robinson .....	0
D. Fennell b Anscombe .....	14
N. Moore b Anscombe .....	4
B. Fox lbe b Anscombe .....	4
— Preston c and b Robinson .....	2
F. Hunt c and b Anscombe .....	0
H. Pigg not out .....	0
Extras .....	7
Total .....	39
Hapton.	
C. Anscombe run out .....	11
J. Moss lbw b Wade .....	6
B. Sheldrake b Gooch .....	3
W. Ramm c and b Gooch .....	4
D. Robinson c Pigg b Gooch .....	16
J. Bowman b Fennell .....	0
T. Anscombe lbw b Gooch .....	2
H. Lond c Moore b Gooch .....	1
T. Ford c Fox b Gooch .....	1
W. Coleman not out .....	2
N. Nicholson b Gooch .....	5
Extras .....	25
Total .....	76



Diss Express 20 October 1933

**Assault Charge Dismissed.**

A charge of assaulting William Savory, a small-holder of Flordan, at Hapton on September 3rd, was dismissed against Pat Bloom, a labourer of Hapton.

The plaintiff, Savory, stated that on the date in question he went to see defendant's father, he saw the defendant, who said his father was not at home. Defendant then told him to clear off and kicked him in the back and side. He, Savory, was not going to be made a football of, and have his kidneys ruined.

Defendant, who appeared and pleaded not guilty, said that the plaintiff saw his father on the previous evening, and was told to keep away from the house, as he had nothing to sell. He, defendant, saw the plaintiff in the orchard on the same evening, and noticed that his pockets were full of apples. On the date in question at about 7 a.m. he again saw the plaintiff in the orchard, filling his pockets with apples. He went up to him and told him to clear off, which plaintiff did. He did not strike plaintiff or kick him.

Harry Smith, of Hapton said that he was employed as a game watcher at Hapton Hall, and on the morning of the date in question at about 7 a.m. whilst he was going down the side of a field near this orchard, he heard shouts and on looking over the hedge saw the defendant ordering Savory out of the orchard. Witness did not see defendant strike Savory because they were not within striking distance. Defendant opened the gate for Savory to go out of the orchard and then shut it again.

Edward Wilson, a yard man at Hapton Hall, stated that on the date in question Savory went to him and told witness that he had been ordered out of the orchard, but he did not say if he had been hit or kicked.

After consulting with the other magistrates the Chairman said the bench had decided to dismiss the case.

Diss Express 06 January 1933

## HAPTON.

### FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Mrs. A. M. Gray, took place at Hapton Church on Tuesday. Canon the Rev. A. E. Cates conducted the service and Miss Angus presided at the organ, the hymns being "I heard the Voice of Jesus say" and "Abide with Me"

The coffin of oak bore a brass plate inscribed "Anna Maria Gray, died Dec. 29th, 1932, aged 77 years."

The family mourners were: Mrs. Smith (daughter), Mr. Woods, (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. Barratt (sister and brother-in-law), Mrs. Brown (Norwich) (niece), Mrs. Nelson, Mr. W. Brown, Master K. and D. Woods, Mr. H. Land, Mr. C. Deekes. Mrs. Woods, of Hapton, was unable to attend

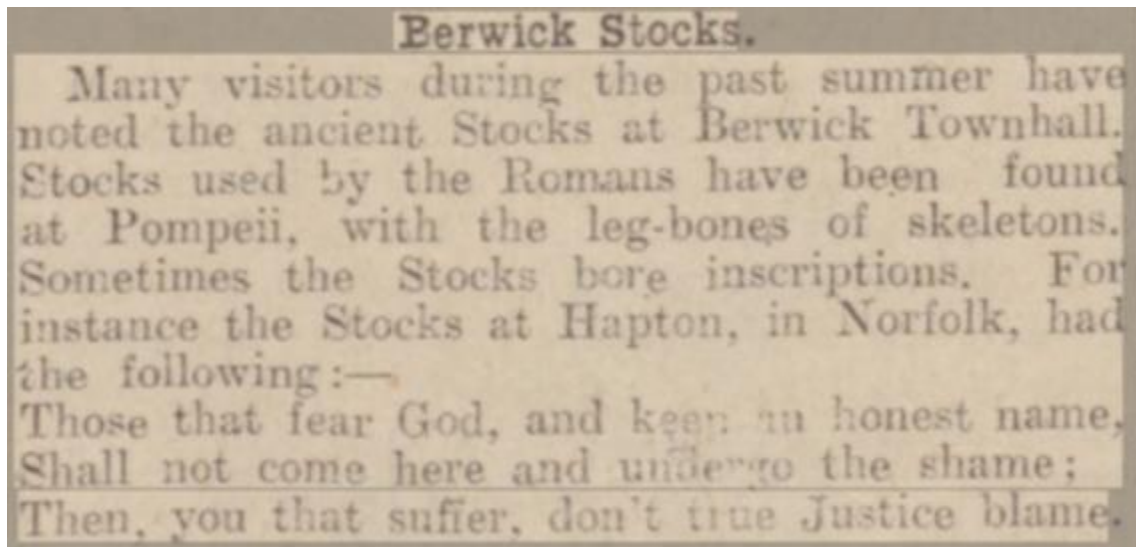
Others present included Mrs. H. Wilson, Mrs. E. Wilson, Mrs. Wicks, Mr. Sheldrake (Flordon), Mr. G. Gray, Mr. H. Smith (Flordon), Miss Catchpole, Mr. and Mrs. C. Roberts, Mr. Green (Tharston), Mr. O. Brown, Mr. B. Sheldrake.

The bearers were Messrs. C. Fincham, Bootman, J. Dade, H. Wright and the funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. F. Havers, of Flordon.

The beautiful floral tributes included: those from: Mr. and Mrs. Nelson (niece and nephew); Mr. and Mrs. Sheldrake; All at St. Augustine's, Norwich; Dolly; All at the White Horse, Hapton; from her sorrowing daughter and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. Fincham,

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Berwickshire News and General Advertiser 06 October 1931



Yarmouth Independent 06 September 1924

## **MONS HERO IN COURT.**

### **WHAT THE CONSTABLE SAW AT HAPTON INN.**

William Woods, licensed victualler, Hapton, was summoned before the Long Stratton Bench on Tuesday for supplying drink during prohibited hours, and for aiding and abetting one, Arthur Joseph Lawn, to consume. Defendant pleaded not guilty in both cases. There were further summonses against Arthur Joseph Lawn. George Arthur Smith, William Copeman, John Falgate, Ernest Hill, and John Barham for consuming at the same time and place. Mr. Oswald Brown (Deputy Clerk to the County Council) appeared to prosecute, and Mr. G. A. C. Perks defended.

P.-c. Austin stated that when passing the White Horse Inn, Hapton, on August 5th, at about 4.15 p.m., he noticed a coal lorry, a low backed carriage, and a number of bicycles outside the inn. Entering the house by the front door he found in the public kitchen six men seated with the landlord with mugs standing in front of them. Four contained beer, two were empty, and another was three parts full of beer. He asked Woods what that meant, and he replied, "I am caught; I have nothing to say." When told that he would be reported, Woods replied that he did not care, as he had only been there five months and could get a living at his old job of carpentry.

Defendant said he sold no liquor after two o'clock, but remained on the premises. Copeman, Hill, and Smith came up on bicycles, and bought cigarettes and tobacco, and John Barham arrived with the coal. He had served in the Army, being in the retreat from Mons.

This story was corroborated by the other defendants, and the Bench dismissed the cases.

Diss Express 19 November 1920

**LONG STRATTON PETTY SESSIONS—TUESDAY.**

Before Mr. W. B. Colman, (chairman), Mr. J. E. Everson, Mr. H. H. Goldsmith, Dr. C. A. Owens, and Mr. A. W. Hotson.

James Anscombe, labourer, Hapton, Alice Anscombe, his wife, and his two sons, James Anscombe and William Anscombe, were charged by Harry Smith, labourer, of Flordon, with assaulting him on Sunday, 7th November.—Complainant stated that he occupied a garden near defendants' cottage at Hapton, belonging to Miss Elizabeth Baker. On the above date he went there and found the elder defendant cutting the fence. He told him to leave off. He saw a goat eating the second crop of clover, belonging to him. He ordered defendant to take it off, but he refused. Complainant pulled up the stake to which it was tethered. The wife came, and she shouted for her sons, and all four started knocking him about. The woman caught hold of him, and the others hit him, and he went down; they kicked him in the face and leg. He had occupied the land 15 years, and the defendants had no right there. Defendants told him Mr. Mutimer gave them permission to take the land.—J. Anscombe said that Mr. Mutimer had recently bought the Hapton Estate, and the piece of land was included in his purchase. Mr. Mutimer, for whom he worked, told him to take possession of the land. He also said that Smith hit him first, and he hit Smith in defence.—The Chairman said the Bench considered that an assault had been committed. James Anscombe and Alice Anscombe would each be fined 10/6, and James Anscombe, jun., and William Anscombe would each be fined 4/-.

Diss Express 06 August 1915

## LONG STRATTON PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY.

Before the Rev. J. W. Corbould Warren (chairman), Mr. P. B. Ficklin, Mr. E. C. Hawkins, Colonel F. A. Irby, Mr. W. B. Colman, and Mr. H. H. Goldsmith.

*James Ernest Sutcliffe Smith*, of Luton, Bedfordshire, a lieutenant in the Midland Mounted Ambulance Corps, was charged by Superintendent Thomas Bentham, that when an accident occurred on a highway at Hapton, Norfolk, to Alfred James Goodrum, owing to the presence in the road of the motor car which the defendant was then driving, the defendant did not give his name and address to Frank Henry Goodrum, who legally required him to do so.—Mr. Lathom, solicitor, of Luton, appeared on behalf of defendant, and stated that he was unable to be present on account of his military duties.—Frank Henry Goodrum said that he was cycling at Hapton with his brother, Alfred James Goodrum. The last-named was in front, and witness was a few yards behind. It was a narrow winding road. His brother was riding round the corner, and a motor car met him, and there was a smash. His brother fell over the car, and the bicycle was broken up. The man in the car was an Army officer. The car stopped, and the officer got out, and felt if witness's brother's limbs were broken. He felt his pulse, and then prepared to go away. Witness looked at the car, and told defendant he never blew his horn, and asked for his name. Defendant refused his name, and said witness had no authority to take it. Defendant then drove away. Witness's brother was in a stunned condition.—Superintendent Bentham said he made inquiries, and found that defendant was residing at Rainhill County Asylum, as a Medical-officer of the Asylum. He traced defendant through Prescott to Luton, and there found him. Defendant was interviewed there, and made a short statement.—Cross-examined—Defendant said the reason why he did not give his name and address was because the man who asked him was not the injured party, and also wanted to settle the matter then and there.—Mr. Lathom said defendant admitted the evidence, but he refused giving his name and address in ignorance.—The Bench decided to convict, and defendant was fined £1 and 12/- costs, and the licence ordered to be endorsed.

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Norfolk News 08 October 1910

### HAPTON.

A wedding, which was marked with considerable interest, took place at the church on Wednesday, when the marriage of Mr. William Roberts, of Fundenhall, to Miss Florence Mary Scraucher, of Hapton, was solemnised. On leaving the churchyard the happy pair were greeted with a shower of confetti, and in the evening a large company of the friends of the bride and bridegroom were entertained in the Institute, lent for the occasion.

Norfolk News 09 July 1910

### HAPTON.

A thunderstorm of great violence burst over the village on Sunday morning during the hour of Divine service. The lightning was very vivid, and accompanied by a heavy downpour of hail. By noon the ground was as white as on a snowy winter's day, and seven hours later heaps of drifted hailstones still remained in places. It was impossible for the congregation to leave the church at the close of the service, and a special hymn was sung. Conveyances were sent for to convey the women and children to their homes, the water being ankle deep in the road. Much destruction has been done to garden produce, leaves being riddled as if by a fusillade of bullets.

A parish meeting was held at the Institute on Monday in support of the project for the King Edward Memorial Fund. A house to house collection was decided upon, and a resolution passed earmarking the parish donation for nursing work in the district, and providing for a committee of ladies to give it effect.

Evening Star 02 December 1909

### SUICIDE OF A FARM STEWARD.

An inquest was held on Tuesday, at Hapton, by the Norfolk County Coroner, on the body of Robert Sprunt, aged 39, who was steward to Mr. H. E. Cross, of Hapton Hall. The deceased was seen working on the farm on Saturday, and appeared to be in his usual health. He had charge of the horses, and was somewhat upset, as several of them had become unwell. As the deceased did not return home to dinner, and was absent at tea time, Hinsley, one of the teammen, went in search of him, and about 7.30 in the evening he found his body hanging from a beam in the roof of one of the cart sheds. A rope was round his neck, and was fastened to the beam; the feet just touched the ground. He had evidently been dead some hours, and had stood on a drag rake before fastening the rope. The deceased's wife said that he generally enjoyed good health. He came to breakfast on Saturday morning and returned to the farm.—The Jury returned a verdict of "Suicide by hanging whilst temporarily insane."

Norfolk Chronicle 20 April 1907

### HAPTON.

At the institute on Friday a beautiful silver rose bowl was presented to the Rev. W. A. Baker on the occasion of his leaving the parish to take up the livings of Bourn and Kingston, near Cambridge. Mr. Baker, who has been very seriously ill, and is still only partially recovered, was unable to be present himself, and was represented by his brother (Mr. F. Brayne Baker). Rev. I. Easton, vicar of Flordon, in making the presentation, feelingly alluded to the heavy blow that Mr. Baker has recently sustained in the death of his wife after a few days' illness, and testified to the depth of the sympathy felt for him in the village and neighbourhood.



Norfolk News 14 July 1906

**HAPTON.**

On July 7th a sale of work was held in the Schoolroom in aid of the church. It was opened by Lady Harvey, and there was a good attendance at the the opening. Tea was served under the trees in the Vicarage meadow adjoining, followed by a concert in the Institute, which was well attended. After the sale of work was closed another concert was given in the Institute, when the room was crowded. The following was the programme:—Piano solo, Miss E. Francy; song, "Beautiful Dreamer," Miss

Mayes; song, "Owls and the Mice," Mr. E. Bowman; song, "Love, the Pedlar," Miss N. Long; recitation, "The Victoria Cross," Miss Harvey; song, "My Morning Paper," Rev. W. A. Baker; song, "Sing me to sleep," Miss G. Harvey; duologue, "Charlie," the Laisses Long; song, "In Old Madrid," Mr. Bacon; selections on phonograph, Mrs. Phillippo; song, "Wherever you go," Miss Barnes; song, "Rainbow," Miss Mayes; song, "My curly headed baby," Miss Harvey; song, "True till death," Mr. Bacon; song, "Sleep and forget," Miss G. Harvey; duologue, "Perseverance Wives," the Misses Bothway and Myhill; song, "Miller and Maid," Miss Barnes; song, "No, sir," Mr. E. Bowman; song, "If the Maidens," Rev. W. A. Baker. At the close the Rev. W. A. Baker thanked the many friends who had come to help both at the concert and the sale of work. The sale of work had realised £35.

Norfolk News 16 December 1905

**HAPTON.**

On the 5th inst. a successful concert was given in the Institute to a crowded and appreciative audience. The following was the programme:— Pianoforte duet, "Sleighting on the Lake." Mrs. Quantrill and Miss Bothway; song, Miss F. Mayes; song, "The Three Foreigners," Mr. J. Smith; song, "The Death of Nelson," Miss Leeder; song, "Faces," Mr. A. Fuller; song, "In the good old summer time," Mr. J. Humphreys; song, "Klondyke," Mr. Harbour; song, Mrs. Quantrill; song, "The Bassoon," Mr. Alpe; song, "Walking home with Angelina," Mr. Bowman; dialogue, the Misses Bothway; song, "Powder Monkey Jim," Mr. W. Smith; pianoforte duet, the Misses Long; song, "The muddle puddle porter," Mr. J. Smith; song, Mr. Alpe; song, "I've been roaming," Miss Leeder; song, "No, sir," Mr. Bowman; song, "Yer 'at don't fit yer very well," Mr. J. Humphreys; song, "He's such a nice man, too," Mr. A. Fuller; song, "The Englishman," Mr. W. Smith; song, "Just like the ivy," Miss F. Mayes; song, "A pattern to the world," Mr. Long; song, "Woman in Parliament," Mr. Harbour. At the close the Rev. Baker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who helped to make the concert successful, especially to Mr. Hayward for the arrangement of the platform and decorations.

Sheffield Weekly Telegraph 28 October 1905

**MISSING FRIENDS.**

**Brown, Maude**, formerly of Sheffield and Manchester.—Address wanted by E. Jepps, 40, Hampden Road, Mexbro';

**Forde, Florence**, formerly of Dalston, London, N.E.—Address wanted by mother-in-law, Mrs. Forde, 6, Victoria Terrace, Alexander Road, St. Luke's, Cork.

**Good, Caroline and Frederick**, formerly of Woolwich and Hapton, Norfolk.—Address wanted by their sister, Mrs. G. Begbie, 30, Simpson Street, Glasgow.

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Norwich Mercury 10 June 1905

## HAPTON.

THE funeral of Mrs. Knapton, widow of the Rev. J. C. Knapton, took place at the Presbyterian Church on Friday. The mourners were the Rev. W. Wood, of Newport, Dundee, and his wife, niece of the deceased, the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Bayley, Messrs. A. M. and F. H. Stevens, Walker, Sanderson, and Ludkin. Amongst others present were Mr. N. Leeder, Miss R. Leeder, Miss Dowing, Mr. Phillippo, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ludkin, Mrs. Jeffries, Mr. H. Smith, Miss A.

Green, Miss A. E. Bayley, and Mrs. Rump. The minister of the church, the Rev. A. E. Rump, and the Rev. H. J. Bayley, a personal friend, conducted the services. Wreaths were sent by Mrs. Rudderham, the sister of the deceased, the Rev. and Mrs. W. Wood, Dr. G. Knapton, of Chester. Mrs. Godfrey, Mr. Harry Stapleton, Mr. Ludkin, and Miss Gray, the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Bayley, and others.

London Daily News 31 May 1905

## MINISTER'S WIDOW DECAPITATED

Yesterday Mrs. Knapton, the widow of the Rev. J. C. Knapton, late Unitarian minister at Hapton, Norfolk, was found on the Great Eastern Railway near Harford Bridges, Norwich, with her head completely severed from her body.

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Norwich Mercury 23 May 1903

## HAPTON.

THE ancient Presbyterian Meeting House, which now stands at Hapton, the framework of which was removed hither from New Buckenham in 1751, was re-opened on Sunday after a considerable restoration. The new minister had the pleasure of welcoming large congregations. The musical portion of the service was under the care of Mr. George Ludkin, who was assisted by several ladies, Mr. Ernest Rowman, Mr. Herbert Smith, Mr. Falgate, and members of the choir from Fornsett Chapel. The services were bright and hearty, and the congregations were delighted with the improvement in the building. Collections were taken on behalf of the funds for the purchase of a new heating apparatus.

London Daily News 16 February 1903

A quaint ceremony took place at Hapton Chapel, Norfolk, last week, when, under an old trust deed, the congregation were called together by a notice which had been exhibited on the door to elect a pastor. The proceedings opened by the reading of an extract from the trust deed which set forth "that the succeeding pastor or minister of such congregation, being of a godly life and conversation, well and sufficiently educated to the ministry, according to the Presbyterian or Congregational way and persuasion, and should be a person elected and chosen as minister of said congregation by the majority of the people who should there usually assemble from time to time, with the consent and approbation of the trustees." Mr. A. Rump, a layman of Norwich, was elected on a division.