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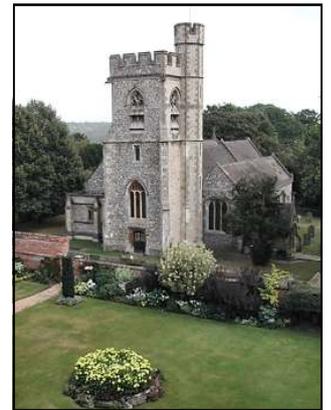


The John Hampden Society is a registered charity which exists to bring together people with an interest in John Hampden, and to encourage wider knowledge of this great 17th century Parliamentarian, his life and times

TO THE MANOR BORN - CELEBRATING THE FIRST 15 YEARS



The Society celebrated its 15th anniversary in some style at Chenies Manor on Saturday 17th November. The original semi-fortified manor house, dating from 1460, was extended in the sixteenth century by John Russell, the first Earl of Bedford. Both Henry VIII and Elizabeth I stayed at 'Chenies Palace' with their Courts. William, the 5th Earl of Bedford and owner of Chenies Manor, was well known to John Hampden, and was a key member of the aristocratic junta which opposed Charles I in the early 1640s.



Members assembled at 2.30pm in St Michael's church, adjacent to the Manor House, for an introductory talk about the church's history from sprightly octogenarian Ken Goodearl. He explained that he was proud to be a descendant of a gentleman who had farmed at Little Hampden and was one of the signatories of the Great Kimble Ship Money protest.

Lavinia Wellicombe, former Curator of Woburn Abbey, conducted two separate tours of the Russell family's memorial chapel. Only small groups are allowed into the chapel which forms part of the church but is normally closed to the public. We were extremely fortunate that permission was granted for us to enter the chapel in which the family memorialises and still buries its dead. Few of those who ventured into the chapel will forget the magnificence of nearly five centuries of aristocratic remembrances or the mind-numbing drop in temperature between church and chapel.

The memorial to William Russell, 'the Martyr Earl', reminded us of the close Hampden links with the Russell family. John Hampden's grandson was implicated in the Rye House Plot along with William, and narrowly escaped his fate of beheading on Tower Hill. The Patriot's eldest son, John, is said to have died in a skirmish at Chenies Manor in 1642 but little appears to have been recorded about this incident.



Following a fascinating guided tour of the house we gathered in a panelled room for an excellent buffet-style banquet. A convivial time was had by all and speeches were kept to a minimum. Guest of honour Roy Bailey shared some reminiscences of the early days of the Society and there was general agreement that a great deal had been achieved in the Society's first fifteen years. Thanks are due to the owner of Chenies Manor, Mrs McLeod Matthews and her staff who accommodated us all at relatively short notice.

The planning for this event proved extremely complicated and the Executive Committee are grateful for the sterling efforts of Derek Lester in locating an appropriate venue, organising the catering and liaising with both the Bedford Estate and Chenies Church. Every effort was made to contact members of the Society in the short time available after the details were finalised and we hope all those who wished to attend were able to.

Pictures of the house and church by courtesy of Chenies Manor

Sam Hearn

READER'S LETTER

Dear Sir

I read with interest Derek Lester's note in issue 52 of *The Patriot*, Autumn 2007 headed 'Hampden's Letter' asking for any further information on the four recipients of the letter in question and I hope that the following notes on these Officers may be of interest to members.

Col. Bulstrode: Colonel Henry Bulstrode. Colonel of a Regiment of Foot in the Earl of Warwick's short-lived 'Reserve Army'. In October Bulstrode can only recently have been commissioned but he held onto his Regiment when Warwick's Army was merged into Essex's in the Winter of 1642/3 and retained the Colonelcy throughout 1643 until the Regiment passed to its Lieutenant Colonel, Adam Cunningham, in the early Spring of 1644. Cunningham was killed in the fighting around Oxford in June 1644 when the Regiment passed to Richard Fortescue who took the Regiment into the New Model Army in April 1645.

The three Captains mentioned were all Troop commanders in Colonel Arthur Goodwin's Regiment of Horse. The Colonel had raised his own troop in Buckinghamshire and probably these three officers did so as well. Goodwin's Regiment of Horse served on the Left Wing at Edgehill (23rd October 1642), where, with the rest of the wing, it fled ignominiously (according to Nathaniel Fiennes, Captain Robert Viver's Troop of Goodwin's Regiment was the first to break). Despite its less than promising start the Regiment survived and continued to serve with Essex throughout 1643 and, after Goodwin's death in July 1643, was commanded by Major Gilbert Blare (Parliamentary Regiments of Horse usually did not have a Lieutenant Colonel, the Major was therefore next in command) who, however, does not seem to have been promoted to the Colonelcy. Under Blare the Regiment almost certainly fought as part of the Earl of Essex's Army at the relief of Gloucester (August-September 1643) and the subsequent Battle of Newbury (20th September 1643) before disappearing in the restructure of that army in the Spring of 1644.

Capt. Grenfield: Lord Nugent is almost certainly correct that this is indeed Richard Grenville, High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, who was commissioned as Captain of a Troop of Horse on 30th July 1642. By Edgehill (October 23rd 1642) the Troop formed part of Goodwin's Regiment of Horse and continued with it throughout 1643, but after Goodwin's death in July 1643 once more became an independent

Troop and in 1644 was serving with Major General Brown's forces. Grenville laid down his commission on March 28th 1645 (he never held any higher rank than Captain) at which time his Lieutenant, John James, took over the Troop, which must have eventually been disbanded when most of the County Forces disappeared in 1646. Grenville's troop accounts survive in the National Records Office, SP28/149. This is almost certainly the Captain Grenville whose cornet is described as

"An armed [i.e. armoured] man mounted on a white horse. He wears red breeches, an orange sash, and a helmet with three orange feathers. In his hand he has a raised unsheathed sword with a gilt hilt. At the top is a silver scroll with the motto in black letters in three folds." The field is Or, fringed or and sable. The motto is UNUM / RESTAT BENE / MORI (One thing remains – to die well).

Incidentally at Edgehill the troop's lieutenant had been that Carlo Fantom famed from Aubrey's *Brief Lives*. In 1643 Fantom also became Captain of a Troop in Goodwin's Regiment of Horse.

N.B. Grenville should not to be confused with the Richard Grenville, brother of Sir Bevil, who served as a Colonel and Lieutenant General under Sir William Waller before going over to the King in the Winter of 1643/4, in whose service he eventually rose to the rank of Field Marshal general.

Capt. Tyrell: Thomas Tyrell, a member of the Committee for the County of Buckingham. Although we have no date for his commission as Captain of a Troop of Horse it must have been sometime in August with the Troop itself almost certainly having been raised in Buckinghamshire. The Troop had been incorporated into Goodwin's Regiment by the time of Edgehill where it fled with the rest of the Regiment. Tyrell's troop continued to serve with Goodwin's Regiment until its disbandment in early 1644, and may have survived thereafter as part of the garrison of Aylesbury. Tyrell's Troop cornet is described as :

"An armed [i.e. armoured] man on a white horse. He has a General's staff in his hand and wears a yellow sash [probably the golden yellow that Nathaniel Fiennes wore in his famous portrait at Broughton Castle]. In his helmet are three yellow feathers. He rides from a green hill into a fire representing the flames of Hell." The field was azure, fringed azure and argent

with a white scroll above the device bearing the motto SANES CRAINDRE (Without Fear) in black letters.

Tyrell himself was a pluralist having succeeded to the command of Hampden's Regiment of Foot after the latter's death. As a point of interest Tyrell's Regiment passed to another Buckinghamshire man, an erstwhile Captain on Hampden's Regiment, Richard Ingoldsby (2nd son of Sir Richard Ingoldsby of Lenthenborough, Buckinghamshire) in the Winter of 1644/5 who took the Regiment into the New Model Army in April 1645.

Capt. West: This would seem to be Captain Edmond West of Cambridge-shire although, on July 30th, he had handed his Troop of Horse over to Sir Thomas Saunders or Sanders albeit that the Troop, as with those of both Grenville and Tyrell was part of Goodwin's Regiment. It is odd that Hampden should be writing to West some three months after the latter had laid aside his commission and there would therefore seem to be some additional work to be done on West's career subsequent to July 30th. Incidentally on 11th January 1643 Saunders passed the troop to Major Gilbert Blare who commanded Goodwin's Regiment after the latter's death in August 1643. The accounts of the Troop when Saunders was in command are in the National Records Office, SP28/127 part 4/38.

The Troop's cornet under West was

"A skull. Each side of the skull adorned with a laurel wreath". The field was gules fringed argent and gules. The skull was white, the laurel wreath green and below the skull the motto MORS VEL VICTORIA (Death or Victory) in gold.

and under Saunders

"At the right side [on the reverse, thus against the staff] [grey/white] clouds shaded crimson from which issued an armed [i.e. armoured] arm and hand holding a vertical unsheathed sword". The field was tenne, fringed tenne and argent and above the device was a tri-folded white scroll bearing the motto PRO / DEO ET / PATRIA (For God and Country) in black letters.

No record has survived of Blare's cornet.

I hope that these notes prove of interest.

Regards,

Stephen Ede-Borrett

Henry Graham Baldwin
Engineer and Philanthropist
1919 - 2007

I first met Henry shortly after I had inherited my title in April 1983. I visited Hobart some three weeks after I had buried my predecessor, Vere, who by chance had spent a large part of his adult life in Australia. Henry and I remained friends over all these years, exchanging Christmas Cards at Christmas and Alison & I visiting his lovely home 'Markree' in Hampden Road, Battery Point when we were in Hobart. Our last visit was in early 2004, when Henry entertained us to tea and told us about his early life in Tasmania. His interest in John Hampden stemmed from living in Hampden Road for most of his life.

Henry was educated at the Hutchins School, a leading Independent School in Hobart and then went onto study engineering at the University of Tasmania. It was whilst at Hutchins that Henry developed his firm foundations in the Christian faith, which was to be the cornerstone of his life. During the Second World War, he worked in the State Government shipyard in Prince of Wales Bay before being seconded to the Melbourne shipyards, building ships to aid the war effort. On the cessation of hostilities, Henry returned to Launceston in 1946 to work in the locomotive yards. Apart from an 18 month spell in the UK in the 1950s, he was to remain in Launceston, working on locomotives, until he retired in 1982 as a Deputy Director.

In retirement, Henry involved himself in a wide range of activities ranging from being an active member of the Hobart First Settlers Association to being a Church Warden at St George's, Battery Point. He also returned to his love of the sea, restoring ships that were historically important in the development of Australia & Tasmania. In his latter years, as he became more frail, he was wonderfully looked after by the Reverend Bill Jolly and his wife Carol.

It is difficult in a few words to capture the essence of a man. Henry to me was always an epitome of courtesy and interested in what I was doing. In the eulogy written by Anne Brown and Henry's cousin, Graham with help from the Jollys, she said that Henry will be remembered as a Christian gentleman. The words of the hymn sung in St George's 'Forever with the Lord!' summed up his faith:

'By death I shall escape from death,
And life eternal gain.
That resurrection word,
That shout of victory.
Once more, 'Forever with the Lord'
Amen, so let it be!'

Words that I am sure would have found favour with John Hampden.

Miles Buckinghamshire



DIARY DATES

2008

Saturday 12th April

The Society's AGM will be held at Hartwell House Hotel, followed at 11.45 by a reception for those attending the talk at 12 noon. This will be followed by a three-course lunch. Further details are shown on the enclosed sheet.

Tuesday 26th February

An illustrated talk about John Hampden to The Marlow Society at Liston Hall, Marlow, SL7 1DD.

Sunday 11 May

A Walk in Prince Rupert's Footsteps. A series of walks, with commentaries, following a part of Prince Rupert's approach march to the Battle of Chalgrove Field. (*Details at www.johnhampden.org/walks.pdf*)

Friday 30 May

An illustrated talk to The High Wycombe Society
(*Time and venue to be advised.*)

Saturday 12th July

A display of drill and musketry by Col. John Hampden's Regiment of Foote at Speen, Princes Risborough. Bucks.
(*Details to follow*)

All meetings commence at 8 pm unless otherwise stated

For up-to-date information, see the Diary page on the Society's website at:

www.johnhampden.org/diary.htm

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND ENQUIRIES

The Society is delighted to report that, as from 1st January, the new Membership Secretary, **Mr Roger Paynter**, has taken up his position. All enquiries, applications and renewal cheques should therefore be addressed to him at:

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INNOVATIONS...

It is hoped that three new innovations on the Society's website will generate more interest in John Hampden.

Firstly we have opened a PayPal account and updated the Booklist and Membership pages so that books and products can be ordered and paid for online, and membership subscriptions can be paid in the same way.

PayPal is the secure online banking system used by over 150 million account holders worldwide, and has become very popular because of its use on eBay, the online auction site.

Secondly, we have opened a group on Facebook, the rather infamous social networking site that is much in the news. Despite the understandable reservations of some members, we have encountered no problems to date.

So far the group has 7 members, which is hardly earth-shattering, but three of them are our Chairman Ian Hollenden's schoolboy sons Alistair and Harry Hope-Morley and one of their friends. This is encouraging, as the reason for setting up the group was to try to get the message about John Hampden across to younger people. The other four are senior members of the Society, which has rather restored the group's average age!

You need to subscribe to Facebook (www.facebook.com) to view the Society's group and its members.

Lastly, the Googlegroup, which forms the archive for the e-mail list, now holds the Society's membership list and the John Hampden chronology. The list can be referred to and updated by any member who is a subscriber to the e-mail list (currently there are 49), making it more current than the printed list.

The John Hampden chronology, a timeline of the Patriot's life, was started some time ago, but only extends up to 1628 so far. Members are invited to add to it, ideally with references. To register in order to do this and also be on the e-mail list, contact me at:

webmaster@johnhampden.org

Roy Bailey

THE FINAL RECKONING

A letter from the Honorary Treasurer:

Dear Members,

I was elected as a Councillor for the London Borough of Hounslow at a by-election in December. This will be a time-consuming commitment and I have therefore been reassessing my involvement with a variety of voluntary and charitable bodies, including the John Hampden Society.

It is with regret that I must advise you that I will not be seeking re-election as Honorary Treasurer at the AGM in April. I plan to continue being an active member of the Society and will probably be seeking election as an ordinary member of the Executive Committee.

I will be more than happy to talk in confidence to any member who is interested in seeking election as Treasurer. I can be contacted at home on 020 8995 2666 or on my office number 020 3166 6607. When a new Treasurer is appointed I shall be pleased to provide appropriate advice and assistance.

In my opinion the role does not require the skills or knowledge of a qualified accountant but some previous experience of book keeping and managing bank accounts is essential. In 2007 there were only sixty entries in the cash book and the role should not, therefore, be unduly onerous.

By the time of the next annual general meeting I will have been the Society's Honorary Treasurer for nine years. This is long enough and it is time that a fresh pair of eyes should be cast over this important aspect of the Society's activities.

Sam Hearn

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VISCOUNT HAMPDEN



Viscount Hampden DL, a Vice-President of the Society, died on 4 January at his home at Glynde in East Sussex after a long illness.

Anthony David Brand, 6th Viscount, who was 70, inherited the Elizabethan Glynde Estate in 1978, and was at the time of his death a serving Deputy Lieutenant for East Sussex.

The title, of the second creation, was bestowed on Sir Henry Brand, Speaker of the House of Commons, on his retirement in 1884. Brand was a descendant of the Trevor-Hampdens who had inherited the Hampden Estate in the 18th century, and was therefore also descended from John Hampden.

Apparently the choice of title was represented by the Hobart-Hampden family (Earls of Buckinghamshire), but Brand's descent appeared to justify it.

Lord Hampden was married to Caroline Proby, but was divorced in 1988. He leaves three children - Francis Anthony (who becomes the 7th Viscount), Jonathan Claud and Saracha Mary.

Our Chairman, Lord Hollenden, says that although he had never met this very distant cousin of his, when they were both members of the House of Lords they had adjoining pegs on which to hang their swords!

- Lord Hampden was the owner of a masterpiece by Peter Paul Rubens which had been on loan to The National Gallery since 1981.

The painting, *The Apotheosis of King James I*, is a draft in oils for the ceiling of Inigo Jones's Banqueting House, Whitehall, and was acquired by the 2nd Viscount in the late 18th century.

As this important work is now reported as being for sale there is some concern in the art world about its future.

Roy Bailey