

THE JOHN HAMPDEN SOCIETY

Due to circumstances beyond the Society's control, it will not be possible to produce Issue 31 of *The Patriot* until a little later in the year, at which time you will receive a bumper edition. In the meantime we are producing this emergency newsletter to keep members informed of coming events, together with a brief resume on the current position.

26th May – 3rd June 2001. "The Palace without a King – Oliver Cromwell at Hampton Court, A brave bad man! There are many myths about Oliver Cromwell – discover the truth about a loving father who danced at his daughter's wedding. His power put his life in constant danger – twice at Hampton Court. Help search the palace for rogues and would-be assassins. In 1652 Oliver Cromwell put Hampton Court under the auctioneer's hammer. Join the heady atmosphere of the sale. What would you bid for a palace?" Further information from Sam Hearn. [Tel: 020 8781 9500] e-mail: Sam.Hearn@btinternet.com

Middle Anglia Branch of the Battlefields Trust: have issued an invitation to anyone interested in joining them for:

1. Saturday, 9th June – Worcester 1651 [including the Battle of Upton Bridge]. Tony Spicer will be leading a walk across the site of the final major battle of the English Civil War. There will be a morning and an afternoon session, the former dealing with Upton Bridge, the skirmish and Powick and the preparation of the bridge of boats and the latter looking at the Royalist position in Worcester, the fighting along the Teme and the Royalist Counter attack on Perry Wood. The morning session meets outside the tourist Information Centre, 4 High Street, Upton upon Seven, at 10 am, and the afternoon session at the main entrance to Worcester Cathedral in College Yard at 2pm. Further information is available from Tony Spicer on 01684 572925.

2. Sunday, 1st July – A Walk around Cropredy Bridge – 1644. Trustee James Parker will be leading a party around the site of this North Oxfordshire battle, fought between Charles I and Sir William Waller on June 29th 1644. Charles led his army into the Cotswolds pursued by Waller. Meet at the Brasenose Pub in Cropredy village at 2.30 pm, where food is available from 12 noon. Further information from Stephen Barker on 01280 824877.

3. Sunday, 15th July – A walk around Tewkesbury – 1471. A once a year opportunity to examine parts of the recently saved battlefield on private land, during the annual festival. The walk will begin from the festival field behind the Gupshill Manor Pub at 11 am. Meet at the 'Black Bear' banner outside the information tent. Information for Steve Goodchild on 01684 294939.

If you are interested in taking part in any of these walks, a phone call would be appreciated so that they have an idea of the number who will be attending.

Anglia Polytechnic University are running a Day School in collaboration with The Cromwell Museum & The Cromwell Association on **Saturday 9th June**, entitled "Cromwell's Crowning Mercy". The venue for this event is Hinchbrook Performing Arts Centre, Hinchbrook House, Huntingdon. The day will start with registration 9.30 – 10.00 and is scheduled to end at 5.00. The day will be split into five sections with speakers on different facets of the life of Cromwell. The charge for attending amounts to £13.50, covering the cost of tuition, morning coffee and afternoon tea, or £18.50 which includes a finger buffet lunch with a soft drink. Cheques should be made payable to Anglia Polytechnic University and sent to History Administrator, Department of History, Anglia Polytechnic University, East road, Cambridge, CB1 1PT [01223 363271 Ext. 2054] e-mail: history-conference@anglia.ac.uk by 25th May.

The University of Rochester Press, New York have announced the publication of "Proceedings in the Opening Session of the Long Parliament, edited by Dr Maija Jansson, Director, the Yale Centre for Parliamentary History. The initial volumes of the Yale Center's edition cover the most critical period in the Long Parliament's history, the opening session of 1640-41. These volumes are the first to contain all known historical sources on the proceedings in the Lower House. As such they represent invaluable sources for the study of the origins of democratic institutions in the United Kingdom, the United States and throughout the world. The publication consists of two volumes, costing £80 each, and these can be ordered in this country by contacting Boydell & Brewer Ltd, PO Box 9, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 3DF – Tel: 01394 411320. Fax: 01394 411477. E-mail: boydell@boydell.co.uk. Website: [http:// www.boydell.co.uk](http://www.boydell.co.uk).

Members who attended the Annual Dinner at the Spread Eagle in 1997 will have met Dr. Maija Jansson, who, together with her husband, Paul Bushkovitz, was in this country carrying out research for this publication.

Annual Dinner – Saturday 23rd June. As is now traditional, the Society will be holding its Annual Dinner at The Spread Eagle. The Guest Speaker this year will be Julian Hunt, Head of Local Studies at Buckinghamshire County Library, who promises to spend 20 minutes entertaining us. If you wish to attend this popular event and have not returned your booking form, please do so now and we look forward to seeing you on the 23rd.

Saturday, 30th June. An illustrated talk will be given by the Society's Patron, the Earl of Buckinghamshire, to the Friends of Great Missenden Parish church [Time and venue to be advised].

Grampound Visit – Thursday, 30th August – Sunday, 2nd September. The Society will be visiting Grampound in Cornwall where plaques will be placed in the Church and on the wall of Trevail House, both of which have connections with John Hampden. Grampound will be holding its annual carnival at this time and are very keen for the Society to be involved. The Society will be mounting an exhibition in the School on Thursday and Friday, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will make the trip, for what promises to be a very interesting four days. Further details are available from Graham Barfield at 31 The Lanes, Oakerthorpe Road, Bolehill, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, DE4 4GP [Tel: 01629 822487]

Tuesday, 9th April 2002 – An illustrated talk entitled 'John Hampden the Man' will be given by the Society to the Hook Norton Local History Group at the Hook Norton Brewery, Nr. Banbury. [To be confirmed].

All meetings commence at 8.00 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

A.G.M.

The Society held their 9th AGM at Hampden house on Sunday 22nd April. This was an interesting and enjoyable afternoon and, once business matters had been dealt with tea was served, and Mr. Tim Oliver then showed interest members around the house. Access was also available to the Church.

A letter has been received from a new member of the Society, Mr. John Seal, saying how much he had enjoyed the AGM held on 22nd April at Hampden House. He was particularly impressed by the friendliness of the 'seasoned' members and enjoyed the guided tour of the house and his visit to the Church. Hopefully Mr. Seal will have a long and happy association with the Society.

A heartfelt plea has been received from the Vice-Chairman, as follows:

- "Would members please refrain from sending me communications, either by post, fax or e-mail, for forwarding to other members. An address list was issued at the end of last year; if you have lost it or wish to contact a new member not on the list, please get the information from the Membership Secretary, Liz Morris, on 01296 482488, e-mail: membership@johnhampden.org."
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The following e-mail has been received:

Richard Parsons – Varnet Support [e-mail: shasric@btinternet.com] writes – "I am a member of your Society and also a Musketeer in the Marquess of Winchester's Regiment of the English Civil War Society. I am attempting to arrange a re-enactment in the Chalgrove area during 2002, and I would like to enlist the help of any interested John Hampden Society Members. I would be very grateful if you could publicise my request throughout the Society. Thank you, Richard Parsons." If you are interested, please contact Richard direct.

Projects in the Pipeline:

The Society's main project at present, is the production of the John Hampden Video. Much groundwork is necessary and a lot of thought is being given to the format the Society wish this to take. Discussions are taking place with two people, one a Society member who volunteered his help, the other a professional scriptwriter known to the Vice Chairman. It is hoped that, in the not too far distant future, following further discussions and meetings with both of these people and with Jim Rodda and Roger Crittenden at the National Film and Television School at Beaconsfield, we will be in a position to proceed with this interesting and exciting project.

Obituary: We regret to announce the death of member Alan Walker of Marlow earlier this year. It is hoped that an appreciation will appear in the next issue of *The Patriot*.
