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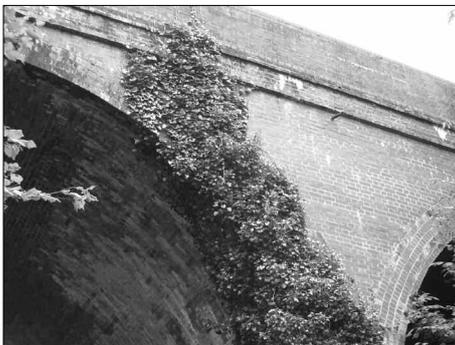
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Journal of the Ottery St. Mary Heritage Society

Including...



Who remembers the Sadler Cup?



How the railways arrived in East Devon



A mystery on the Sainsbury site.

...plus Letters, What's on, Coleridge Memorial News, Dig at Beer Head, Heritage objects to planning creep.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I trust you have all taken full advantage of this summer's glorious weather. Already the evenings are noticeably drawing in and preparations are well in hand for the new season of meetings commencing September.

A huge 'thank you' to our Meetings Secretary, Sylvia Wainwright, who has completed the programme of speakers through to the end of 2012, so we can mark up our diaries!

The start of the new season also signals the time for 'Subscription Renewals' which fall due at the beginning of September.

Members will no doubt be pleased to learn that we have introduced a new-style membership card. In future, the cards will contain details of our meetings for the coming year, which we hope you will find useful.

This also prompts me to announce the disappointing news that Judy Mullinger is moving on and has resigned as Membership Secretary – we're sorry to lose such a charming and efficient member of the team, and we express our thanks for all she has contributed. We add our best wishes for the future. The good news is that Wendy Headeach has agreed to take over this vital job, commencing September 1st. Thank you Wendy, for offering your generous support – welcome to the committee!

Coleridge Anniversary Lunch -

With this issue of the Journal, you will find your invitation to the Annual Coleridge Lunch, to be held at the Tumbling Weir Hotel on Saturday 22nd October. Our guest speaker this year is our very own Chris Wakefield; his past talks have been immensely entertaining, and his self-confessed 'obsession with all things Coleridge' will be sure to entertain. Do complete your booking form early – we look forward to your company.

Valerie Venner - We are all saddened to learn of the death of Valerie Venner, a founder member of the Society. Valerie and husband Peter have devoted their lives for the betterment of Ottery. Valerie was a town councillor for some years, sitting on a number of steering committees, and by the 1970s, she and Peter had become founding members of the Amenities Association, an action group which was to play a huge part in the acquisition of the 'Land of Canaan' as a recreation area for the town. Valerie's grandfather was Edward Manley, founder of Manley's the well-known printers and newsagents in Ottery.

Our thoughts are with husband Peter and family during this sad time.

Robert Neal

Heritage & Change

Thus far the Society has not thought fit to engage with the political process of making changes in the built environment in and around Ottery. Our policy has been to avoid direct action. Instead we have alerted members to changes that may affect the heritage environment, and leave them to decide if action on their part is appropriate and necessary. Surprisingly, in the 12 years of its life, there have been few occasions where heritage issues have been to the fore of a development scheme, so little cause for us to get excited or step beyond our cautious hands-off approach. The biggest change in the central historic areas of town - the flood prevention scheme - is invisible (although it was a shame we didn't keep a closer eye on the archaeology in Brook Street), and housing schemes are a heritage issue only in so far as what is lost as a result, and so far we have lost some rather lovely fields, but no treasured sites or buildings.

The Factory, and the old Salston Hotel, have been the ones to watch, but so far none of the new owners of these places have found what they are looking for in a development, so they remain increasingly dishevelled and lost to community (or any other) use.

Why, then, have we chosen a simple brick wall as the first instance of a letter of objection to the local planning authorities? I believe it is because we are aware now that we have one of the heavies of the British retail trade in our midst. Their job is to trade successfully and make money (and hopefully gee up the economic life of Ottery as a whole). Our job is to make sure they don't do any damage to our heritage as a result. There could be interesting times ahead...

Chris Wakefield

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Forthcoming Events

Unless otherwise noted, all the Society's meetings are held in the Institute, Yonder Street, Ottery St. Mary.

• **20th September 2011 (Tuesday) 7.30 pm**
In the Footsteps of Peter Orlando Hutchinson
Speaker: Philippe Planel

• **18th October 2011 (Tuesday) 7.30 pm**
Woodbury Castle - The Hill Fort
Speaker: Bungy Williams

• **22nd October 2011 (Sat.) 12.30pm for 1pm**
at the Tumbling Weir Hotel.

Coleridge Anniversary Lunch

Guest Speaker: Chris Wakefield
(see advert on page 3)

• **15th November 2011 (Tuesday) 7.30 pm**
Bells and Bellringing
Speaker: Dr Ian Campbell

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• **10th January 2012 (Tuesday) 7.30 pm**
Thackeray & Larkbeare
Speaker: Betty Williams

• **21st February 2012 (Tuesday) 7.30 pm**
An Insight into A La Ronde
Speaker: Salli Carr-Griffin

• **20th March 2012 (Tuesday) 7.30 pm**
Landscape and History
Speaker: Chris Wakefield

• **17 April 2012 (Tuesday) 7.30 pm**
History of Fields of Sidmouth
Speaker: Trevor Roberts

• **15 May 2012 (Tuesday) 7.30 pm**
Breton Craftsmen in Tudor Devon
Speaker: Dr J Allan

• **19 June 2012 - AGM (Tuesday) 7.30 pm**
The Humble Doorstep Delivery
Speaker: Peter Hayward

• **17 July 2012 (Tuesday) 7.30 pm**
Cadhay : An Amazing History
Speaker: Michael Pash

• **18 September 2012 (Tuesday) 7.30 pm**
The Courtenay Family of Powderham Castle
Speaker: Felicity Harper

• **16 October 2012 (Tuesday) 7.30 pm**
Village Strife and Devon's Great War

Memorials
Speaker: Dr Todd Gray

• **20 November 2012 (Tuesday) 7.30 pm**
Tracing Ancestors
Speaker: John Mickelthwait

Trustees Oppose Planning Creep at Sainsbury's site.

In an unusual move for the Trustees, a motion proposing a letter of opposition to Sainsbury's planning application was passed at the last committee meeting. The plan to knock down another section of the wall dividing the new store from the old EDDC car park was not part of the original plans for the supermarket, and the Trustees felt that post facto incremental planning changes over and above what had been agreed after much debate, was potentially as damaging to Ottery's heritage, as any high profile development, where every detail is thoroughly examined.

The wall next to Sainsbury's, whilst it cannot claim any particular architectural merit (although it is a very pleasantly constructed wall, probably of local bricks), represents a landscape division that dates back most likely to the establishment of the College in the 14th century. It could easily be hundreds of years older even than that. Boundaries - be they bricks and mortar or hedges, are a significant part of the heritage landscape and should be removed only after very careful consideration.

Letters

Apology

The last edition of the Journal carried two letters concerning the photo of Nicholas Coleridge at Nether Stowey, the second of which was published without the correspondent's name subtended. The editor apologises for the omission, and the letter re-appears below, this time properly credited. - Ed

Dear Chris

I was interested to see the photo taken in Coleridge Cottage in this month's newsletter (*refers to issue No 37 - Ed*). The man in the picture is not my father, Alwyne Coleridge but his brother Nicholas who was at that time vicar of Tatworth near Chard. The photo was taken in 1972 during celebrations to mark the 200th anniversary of STCs birth. Incidentally the poem he is reading is Frost at Midnight. He later preached at Ottery church.

STC had nine great grandchildren and many great great grand children and beyond, so there are several direct descendants about, quite a few of us still in East Devon.

kind regards

Cilla Cassam

Dear Chris

I was very interested to read of the lists of men on the 1569 Muster Roll for Ottery and in particular the familiar surnames which are very local to Ottery and the surrounding area of East Devon. I am sure that many of us with ancestors that have never moved very far away can somehow connect with these names.

I am determined to be a descendant of at least the following and should be very proud. I am sure that I can find more if I look hard enough!:-

John Carnell - Archer
John Hooper - Billman
Robert Buckley - Billman
Richard Carnell - Pikeman

My great, great grandfather William Hooper married Jeannette Carnell, daughter of John and Phoebe Carnell of Yard, Clyst Hydon, on 1st September 1840 and his brother Rowland Hooper married Ann Carnell, the elder daughter. My great grandmother Hooper was also a Buckley. We are very intermarried in order to hold on to land and estate. The papers of the family are with the DRO and the Devonshire Association. William Hooper was pharmacist to Queen Victoria. His business was Hooper-Struve Bottling Waters, Now Robinsons and Britvic, with the eponymous name of Hooper's Hooch! Well he also supplied laudanum and the Hoopers built Exeter! They have come a long way since military service of 1569, but not moved far!

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Middleton (née Hooper)
Billwoman

Axminster

matters pertaining to membership and payments. Address as above or telephone 815415.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

It is once again time to remind those members who joined before April 2011, and those who do not pay by Banker's Order, that renewal of membership is due on September 1st. The Trustees have decided that subscription rates should remain unchanged for the coming year at £10 for single membership and £15 for joint membership. You can either pay at the next Members' Meeting on September 20th, or post your remittance, together with the renewal form, to the Membership Secretary, Mrs. W. Headeach at 14 Claremont Field, Ottery St. Mary, EX11 1NP.

Banker's Order: We should prefer payment by Banker's Order, if possible, as it helps the administration of the Society.

Gift Aid Declaration: If you are eligible to sign a Gift Aid Declaration, and have not yet done so, we would ask you to consider this. Submission of this form enables the Society to claim back the income tax element on all such payments.

The Membership Secretary will be pleased to help with the necessary forms and, with any queries on

The Sadler Cup

An Ottregian Writing Home

Ron Salter's family have been 'Ottregians' for several generations; he has been a keen member of the Heritage Society almost from the start and would frequently visit our Museum at Salston. Ron recently wrote to us from his home in Grantham, telling us about his early life in Ottery.

'I was born at Higher Lodge, Salston where my father was keeper of the Salston Estate. His name was Hayman Pavey Salter – there were no Christian names; it was the custom for the first-born to take the mother's maiden name. I attended the Infants school in Ottery and recall the headmistress was a Mrs Pike. From age 8, I sung in the church choir and remember the choirboys' Christmas treat – a train journey from Ottery to Exeter to see the pantomime at the Theatre Royal.

As a schoolboy, I looked forward to helping my father to trap rabbits on the Salston estate. Any surplus rabbits not required by the 'big house' were taken to Billy Westlake's to sell on – two pence apiece in summer, four pence in winter.

I particularly enjoyed scouting; first joining the cub scouts, and at the age of 11 transferring to scouts. Mr Westaway, the scoutmaster, lived in Sandhill Street. We all looked forward to the annual fortnight's camp at Rousden, transport provided by Mr Priggs' lorry.

At age 14 I started work as an apprentice joiner in Sidmouth, employed by Russells General Builders, three years later transferring to a builder in Whimple.



Whilst working at Sidmouth, I joined the Honiton Air Training Corps (ATC) which meant not only cycling from Ottery to Sidmouth each day, but then cycling to Honiton three times a week. I later joined the Ottery ATC – then came the war.

In October 1942, I got on a train to Exeter and joined the RAF. That train journey was a significant milestone in my life because, although I would frequently think of the old town, of the 'Ottery Song' and those words, "the west, the west for me!" – I never did come back to live in Ottery.

Photos show the Sadler cup and (inset) Ron Salter – still in possession of the trophy.

I became a Flight Mechanic working on airframes, and was eventually stationed at 24MU in Shropshire, repairing war damage on the massive Lancaster Bombers. Because of my qualifications as a joiner in 'Civvy Street' I was promoted 'Carpenter Group 1' ending my service at RAF Spittlegate, Grantham. My wife and I were married in Grantham and

settled there. I returned to the building trade prior to getting a job on the railways. We have one son, Stuart, and five grandchildren, all in Canada.

Ottery has always remained very dear to me – all my life, there has never been more than four months between my visits. I have some lovely memories.’

‘One of my most treasured possessions is the ‘Sadler Cup of the Ottery St Mary Horticultural Society.’ The cup, donated by a Mr Sadler, who owned a jewellers business in Ottery at the time, was awarded to the participant with the highest number of points in the annual Ottery Horticultural Show. The following inscriptions appear on the back of the cup:

1930. E. BAKER
1931. C. TAMLIN
1932. E. BAKER
1933. H. P. SALTER
1934. H. P. SALTER
1935. H. P. SALTER

You will see that my father won the award for three consecutive years, and in accordance with the rules at the time, he was allowed to keep the cup. It has been in our care now for about 76 years and still looks as good as new.

My father loved his gardening; I vividly remember the judges for the ‘Best Kept Garden’ award visiting our house, Higher Lodge, Salston. My father was winner for many years and “Daddy” Rogers, a teacher at Ottery Boys School, was also on the judging panel.

Robert Neal

There are Salter's in Ottery from the 1620s. and there has also been a Garden Society here since at least the 1840s (see Ottery tithe map plot 970 owned by the "Garden Society"). - Ed.

Report on Branscombe archaeological investigation

As part of the Unlocking Coastal Heritage initiative there was an archaeological excavation at Beer Head (South Down Farm SY234 887) during The Festival of British Archaeology week (Tuesday July 19th – Sunday July 24th). Four trenches were put in, one of which produced significant results – a quantity of Romano British ceramics, and a single piece of Roman hypocaust tile, suggesting a dwelling of some quality somewhere in the vicinity – yet to be discovered. The daily “show and tell” sessions reported to interested

visitors what had been found and what it signified. The evidence clearly pointed to much more to be discovered on and around the excavations.

AC archaeology undertook the excavations on behalf of Devon County Council.

The Unlocking Coastal Heritage initiative is conserving and enhancing historical sites along the whole 630 miles of the South West Coastal Path and aiding walkers understanding of these sites through the provision of circular walks and information boards. The initiative is delivered locally by Devon County Council Historic Environment Team and the East Devon AONB Partnership. -*av*

Coleridge Memorial Project gets Poetry Stones cash

The Coleridge Memorial Project (CMP) which began life as a working group of the Heritage Society before incorporating itself separately, has recently secured £31,000 for its proposed Poetry Stones to be installed alongside the new path to the King's School. The stones, which run along 70 metres of the new walkway on Canaan Way recreation area, are black granite and engraved with Coleridge's iconic poem ‘Kubla Khan’. Local fundraising was designed to raise 10% of the funding required, and over the course of July and August the target was met, then exceeded during an enthusiastic response from Ottery and further afield.

Implementation of the scheme begins shortly with a target of next spring for completion.

Aside from the local fundraising effort, the Coleridge Memorial Project is funded by ‘Making it Local*’ (£18,000) and the Heritage Lottery Fund (£10,000).

*‘**Making it Local**’ is a locally managed grants scheme in the Blackdown Hills and East Devon AONB areas, incorporating funding from the EU, Defra and Leader. About The Heritage Lottery Fund:

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) enables communities to celebrate, look after and learn more about our diverse heritage. From our great museums and historic buildings to local parks and beauty spots or recording and celebrating traditions, customs and history, HLF grants open up our nation's heritage for everyone to enjoy. Since 1994 it has supported more than 26,000 projects, allocating over £4 billion across the UK. (www.hlf.org.uk)

Edward Davy postscript

Further to the article by Chris Cock in the Journal #35 on the subject of railway signalling and Ottery's very own Edward Davy, the author has just advised that he has managed to get E.D.'s name on the historical list of significant

railway engineers. He refers to the link:

www.steamindex.com/people/signal.htm

Although he is indeed on this list, nothing of biographical interest has been included.

Chris Saunders

Kennaway and the Railways

The Line Through Talaton

Richard Powell examines the DRO papers on Sir John Kennaway's dealings with various railways companies hoping to build lines in and around Ottery and Talaton

The Kennaway Papers held at the Devon Record Office provide a fascinating glimpse of the negotiations between Sir John Kennaway and the various companies established to provide possible routes to Exeter. It is interesting to note that Sir John Kennaway was both a major landowner on the proposed routes and MP for Honiton. He was also involved in the flotation of at least one local railway company. The information is not complete and mainly comprises handwritten draft letters from Sir John Kennaway and occasional replies from, among others, Isambard Kingdom Brunel on behalf of the GWR.

The letters cover the period between 1846 and 1853 and illustrate the more detailed history of the railway between London and Exeter, eloquently described in History of the Great Western Railway Volume One 1833 to 1863 by TA MacDermot published in 1927 from which the above narrative is mainly drawn.

Sir John Kennaway was clearly involved in negotiations with GWR and South Western as the proposed routes of their respective schemes crossed his land not only at Escot but also at Larkbeare. As the archive of letters at the Devon Records Office is incomplete it is difficult to piece together the progress of arrangements but the early correspondence suggests that Sir John Kennaway generally favoured the GWR schemes.

In a draft letter of 23 October 1846, presumably to GWR, Sir John Kennaway responded to an offer of compensation of £3,000, a sum he considered insufficient to compensate him for, amongst other things, the construction of a viaduct across the garden of his villa. The villa is referred to in later correspondence as Escot Lodge.



Fenny Bridges viaduct - now almost invisible among surrounding trees and shrubs. If Brunel had had his way - would we have seen something very much like this at Fairmile?

The letter also referred to Sir John Kennaway wanting a station to be built at Fair Mile and compensation for any expenses he might incur as a result of breaking off his arrangements with South Western. He also wanted to be reimbursed any additional expenses arising from his opposition of the South Western scheme in Committee in Parliament.

Correspondence in November or December 1846 reaffirmed Sir John Kennaway's support of the GWR scheme but set out his proposals for compensation. The letter suggested a sum of £4,500 for 'residential injury' and reiterated his view that he should be reimbursed for expenses in opposing South Western's plans.

At the same time as Sir John Kennaway was communicating with GWR, he was also in correspondence with the Exeter, Yeovil & Dorchester Railway, based at Bedford Circus in Exeter. On 28 December 1846 he explained his support for the rival GWR proposal because the Exeter

Yeovil and Dorchester Railway was unwilling to agree to tunnel at Larkbeare as the costs were said to be prohibitive. Instead the local company favoured a deep cutting which would have adversely affected a carriage drive at Larkbeare. In January 1847 Sir John Kennaway wrote that he would oppose the prospective scheme unless two tunnels replaced the proposed deep cutting.

Further correspondence ensued— in quite heated terms – and by February 1847 Sir John Kennaway declined to enter into further communication with the Exeter, Yeovil & Dorchester and stated again his opposition to the scheme so long as it involved a deep cutting at Larkbeare.

These negotiations took place against the background of the complex and ultimately fruitless proposals advanced by GWR and South western in 1847 and 1848.

The route of the line to Exeter was subsequently readdressed by GWR and South Western. In the 1851 draft

Prospectus issued by the Salisbury Yeovil and Exeter Railway Company, sponsored by South Western, there is, in the copy held at the Devon Record Office, a handwritten note of the preliminary board endorsed on the front of the prospectus; Sir John Kennaway is named as one of the Board members.

By 1852, Sir John Kennaway resumed negotiations with GWR. On 21 March 1852, Brunel wrote to Sir John Kennaway discussing the Larkbeare tunnel. Brunel apparently thought the matter of the tunnel was of no interest to Sir John Kennaway but said he was willing to introduce a tunnel in place of a deep cutting. The letter referred also to the viaduct over the river Tale, which Brunel did not think needed to be as long as the plan before Parliament. Brunel said he thought that the view of a few arches at the bottom of the valley would not be unsightly especially in light of the planned planting of trees.

Further correspondence addressed the issue of compensation to Sir John Kennaway especially in respect of the intrusion of the line across the lawn of the villa let by Sir John Kennaway to his steward and where it seems the baronet had lived while Escot house was built after the first house was destroyed by fire in 1808, and for noise to a property occupied by the local clergyman. The lawn in question was part of the garden of Escot Lodge, which stood in Fair Mile on the south side of the road according to a tracing of the railway route provided by Brunel subsequently.

On 1 June 1852 Sir John Kennaway drafted a letter addressing a new proposal to take the line to the northern side of Escot over Talaton Common. As the GWR proposal focused on a route running through Taleford, it is almost certain that the letter was intended for South Western. The letter refers also to the position of a station. Sir John Kennaway expresses view that it should be situated 'half-way between the village of Feniton and the little stream called the Tale at a point marked on the Ordinance map as Swithams or Sweethams. It would be just about 5 miles from Honiton. It

is a point very conveniently situated in regard to roads both in the direction of Ottery (& Sidmouth), Feniton, Payhembury, Broadhembury & Cullompton and would, I think, be a really desirable one for the public convenience... of course, we should leave it understood that all principal trains should stop at this station... I may add that I should have an insuperable objection to placing a station on Talaton Common (the road from Ottery to Cullompton).'

On 1 August 1852 Sir John Kennaway referred to having taken the views of the inhabitants of Sidmouth and Ottery regarding the taking of the line over Talaton Common. He said the inhabitants would find it unacceptable and refers to the importance of bringing the line as close to Ottery as possible.

'On the whole I think it will be certainly better to adhere to the Fair Mile line... With regard to the Larkbeare tunnels as laid down on a former occasion the longer of them may I think be very materially reduced. For these reasons I think it will be much better to adopt the old line and make the Ottery station at Taleford or Fair Mile which are almost identical.'

Again, the nature of the archive does not readily assist in determining whether the letter was meant for GWR or South Western although it is clear that Sir John Kennaway remained in correspondence with GWR over the Taleford route.

In a plan dated 21 May 1853 Brunel provided a tracing of the proposed Devon and Dorset Railway through the estate of Sir John Kennaway. The line is shown to run from Maiden Newton in Dorset to Exeter. It ran to the south of the old A30. There was to be a junction for the Sidmouth branch – possibly the site of a station – half-way along the little lane linking the A30 to Gosford Lane above Escot Lodge.

The Exeter line was then carried passed Escot Lodge and Gosford Lane on a viaduct at least 250 feet in length over the river Tale at Taleford. The road to Ottery St Mary passed

beneath the viaduct and the line climbed the hill to the south of the Fair Mile Inn at the approximate location of the current car park before it crossed the A30 by way of a further bridge. There it headed through a tunnel at Larkbeare, adjacent to which was the Carriage Drive to which Sir John had been keen to secure improvements.

The scheme was, of course, rejected by the House of Commons in 1855 following the pledge to build the coastal line by South Western. That line was not, in the end, built but the alternative central line from Yeovil was finally opened in 1860.

The deposited Kennaway papers do not include any correspondence dealing with the inevitable negotiations between Sir John Kennaway and South Western for the eventual construction of the line across Talaton Common.

There is an undated map in the Kennaway Papers showing the proposed line of the railway across Talaton Common. It is almost certainly part of South Western detailed plans for the route following the ending of GWR's interest in the line. The road over the main road to Escot from Talaton village was diverted to accommodate the bridge in a distinct elbow. The line of the old road can be seen today on both sides of the railway bridge by following the tree line from the Talaton side of the bridge although it is more clearly seen on the north side. The map does not indicate that the level of the road was raised here although the road is obviously elevated as it crosses the line.

However, the road height was altered at the other 3 bridges in the parish; by 8 feet at Talewater, 16 feet at Lashbrook and 16 feet and 6 inches on the Whimble Road. The road was not diverted at Moor Hayes (Moor Hayne on the map) although the road was raised by 2 feet. Lashbrook farm was demolished to make way for the line and a new farmhouse built further along the road to Tale.

Richard Powell

Wonderwall



A phone call from Brian Waterfield suggested I look at an old culvert in a wall exposed by the clearance work on the Sainsbury's site.

As far as I recall the wall in question was not visible in recent memory, being buried in brambles and scrub at the southwestern corner of the field. By design and appearance it suggests an 18th century origin, but it is difficult to be precise.

The arch consists of two soldier courses of brickwork set in a wall of rough chert and limestone walling. Most of the pointing has now gone. It would appear that the stone wall is older than the brick circumference wall. On the tithe map the boundary is close to another boundary, the two having an odd disposition in relation one to the other - as if they were alternative boundaries to the same plot of land.

The real mystery is why it is there at all. No maps show a waterway on the north side of Hind Street. - *cu*.

Brian Waterfield writes:

'On the topic of the Sainsbury's site. I [...] saw something [*recently*] which might link in with the bridge in the small section of stone wall we discussed. They had excavated the

carpark down about 5 ft opposite where the old toilet block next to the Salvation Army was and in a line just inside their temporary fence there was an old brick wall which appeared to be sloping backwards towards the road which appeared to be continuing both East and West but was covered over. This might have been the route of an older culvert which could well have lined up with the little bridge or could it possibly have been the wall of a pond fed by the main brook with the out flow under the bridge'.

Any ideas welcome - *Ed*.

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The Ottery St Mary Heritage Society

ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

in celebration of the birth of

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Poet & Philosopher
at the

TUMBLING WEIR HOTEL

Ottery St Mary
on

Saturday October 22nd 2011

12.30 for 1.00pm

Guest Speaker: Chris Wakefield

Tickets £19.95

Phone ROBERT NEAL 01404 813686

What's on elsewhere

Branscombe Project

17th October – Monday 7:30:

A Village at War:

talk by Sue Dymond & Amanda Statham

EXHIBITION

22nd – 30th October:

BRANSCOMBE'S WAR:

Life in Branscombe during WW2

more details: www.branscombeproject.org.uk

Colyton Parish History Society

Wed 28th September:

CAPT WILSON and the PELEW ISLANDS

Alan Jones 7.30pm Colyton Town Hall

Wed 26h October:

THE YANKS ARE COMING

The Americans in Colyton 1944

Ben Joslin 7.30pm Colyford Memorial Hall

Wed 23rd November: RECENT DISCOVERIES AT SHUTE BARTON

Stuart Blaylock 7.30pm Colyton Town Hall

more details www.colytonhistory.co.uk

Otter Valley Association and Sid Vale Association

Oct 4, Tue - 7.30pm

Otterton Village Hall. "Coastwatch." Not RNLI, not coastguards, what exactly are they doing in the water tower at Exmouth? Speaker: Bill Nash, EX Station Manager.

Nov 17, Thu - 7.30pm

Colaton Raleigh Village Hall. "Bees." Why are honey bees so important to the environment and what can we do to help? Speaker: Roger Lacey, President of Devon Beekeepers.

Both Associations run a comprehensive series of local walks and visits. See www.sidvaleassociation.org.uk or www.ova.org.uk for details.

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