

## from the parish mag

**120 YEARS AGO:** Those who have any affection for our beautiful little church must have been sadly distressed by the terrible damage the heavy gales did to it. It is most distressing to see how the slates have been stripped off the roof and scattered over the churchyard, and to see how in consequence the water pours through the roof.

Many of the pews are roped off as they are quite unfit to be occupied; indeed from end to end of the church there is little of the roof that is not leaking. However, we hope that it will soon be made weatherproof again, but it will be a long time, we fear, before the inside looks as it did a few weeks ago.

There is no fund to meet the expense of all this damage, but the rector is sure the people will respond generously to special appeals that will have to be made. Any donations sent to him or the churchwardens will be most thankfully received.

— February 1894.

**100 YEARS AGO:** The Sunday Schools prizes, consisting of handsome Bibles and Prayer Books, were distributed by the Rector. The system of registering attendance is by each scholar having an album in which is placed an illustrated ticket for each Sunday, and when it is full it forms and attractive and informative book, and will in after years no doubt recall to grown-up men and women happy and instructive hours spent in the schools. For albums quite full, with no absence stamps, medals were awarded and also a book to Aline Leggett, Edith Alderson, Herbert Longstaffe and William Blades. — February 1914.

— February 1999

## 90 YEARS AGO:

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Every description of Wool and Silk  
always in stock

Large Variety of Fancy Goods suitable  
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Sole Agent for  
GOSSARD'S FRONT LACING  
CORSETS

**12, Horse Market, Barnard Castle**

— February 1924

**80 YEARS AGO:** The Concert given by the children in the School was in every way successful. The tone throughout was happy and bright, the children themselves enjoying everything as thoroughly as did the audience. A word must be said in praise of the home-made costumes which reflected great credit on the makers. The financial result was a profit of £9 13s for the Children's Outing Fund. — February 1934

**60 YEARS AGO:** In Memoriam: Joseph Leggett. His passing breaks another link with the ways and days of another era. He was in the household of the Milbank family for more than half a century and as their butler ruled with the skill of a general and the understanding of a father, and his guidance and patience must have been the making of many young people who came under his hand. — February 1954

**15 YEARS AGO:** The Afternoon Club has started again. Meetings are once a month in someone's house for a chat, tea and biscuits. Other entertainments are light-hearted whist, dominoes, talks, readings, etc. All welcome. The next meeting is at Mrs Bayley's, Hillside.

## Barningham Local History Group Publications

Where Lyeth Ye Bodies\* Guide to Barningham church, graveyard map, memorial details and list of all known burials.

Barningham Baptisms\* Listed by date, name and parents.  
Vol 1: 1580-1800; Vol 2: 1800-1950.

Barningham Brides\* All marriages 1580-1950, listed by date, groom and bride.

Counted\* A-Z of census returns 1841-1911, arranged so that families can be tracked through 70 years.

Vol 1: Barningham, Scargill, Hope; Vol 2: Newsham, New Forest. Vol 3: Brignall, Rokeby. Vol 4: Dalton, Gayles & Kirby Hill.

Jam Letch & Jingle Potts\* History of Barningham farms, fields and fieldnames.

A Child of Hope\*\* The 1895 diary of Mary Martin, born on a Teesdale farm in 1847.

A Fleeting Shadow\* The diaries of young Newsham schoolmaster James Coates, 1784-85.

A Farmer's Boy\* Memoirs of life in the Gayles area in mid-Victorian days.

Aback to Yuvvin\*\* 1849 Glossary of Teesdale words & customs.

Barningham Vestry Minutes 1869-1894, Parish Minutes 1894-1931\*\* Transcripts of meetings, with background history, index and lists of named parishioners.

The Archive\*\*\* Group newsletter. Back issues available.

Barningham Memories 1 & 2\* DVDs of cine film of Barningham in the 1960/70s.

\* £10 each + £1.50 p&p

\*\* £5 each + £1 p&p

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**Barningham farmer and his wife, pictured around 1900. Where? See page 3**

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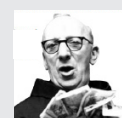
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**NEXT BLHG MEETING: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18th 7pm**

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Some of the small but select group of history group members who turned up for the New Year Social in Barningham village hall. Food was excellent as always – many thanks to the 'caterers'.

## The end of another successful year

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday December 17 2013**

**Present:** Jon Smith (Chairman), Eric Duggan (Treasurer), Ann Orton (Secretary), Neil Turner, Margaret Stead, John Prytherick, Phil Hunt, John Hay, Greta Carter, Kay Duggan, Jane Hackworth-Young, Tony Orton, Ron Walker, Janet Walker, June Graham, Sheila Catton.

**Apologies:** Cate and Harry Collingwood, Sheila Wappat,

### minutes

Beverly Peach, Diane Metcalf, Ann Hutchinson.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on November 19 2013 were approved.

**Correspondence:** Kiplings.

**Finance:** Eric reported that we have had a good year financially with the current balance much as it was last year.

**House histories:** Hawsteads.

**Publications:** Archive 38 had been circulated.

**Transcriptions:** Still in progress.

**Next meetings:** It was agreed that in future we would meet on the third Tuesday of the month in February, April, June, September and November.

**New Year social event:** To be held in the village hall on Sunday January 5 at 12.30. **At the end** of the meeting members enjoyed seasonal food and drink.

*ANN ORTON, Secretary*

### NEXT MEETING

Guest speaker: Eric Barnes on the Watson Practices

Tues February 18, 7pm

*Please note the later time which we hope will make it easier for members at work during the day to attend.*

## Michael Berry

WE'RE sad to record the passing of history group member Michael Berry, of Monkton in Kent, who died aged 82 on December 17th. He was buried in Barningham churchyard near his parents, who came from the area. We met Michael when he visited the village: he was an enthusiastic local historian and a lovely man. Our thoughts are with his widow Margaret and their children.



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## Escape of a shoe thief with a serious snuff habit

From the *Northern Courant* of February 5th 1791:

ESCAPED from a Constable at Bishop Auckland, in the county of Durham, on Tuesday night last: Homes Davis, charged with stealing a pair of new boots, and a pair of new shoes, the property of Robert Hurworth.

The said Homes Davis was a Drummer in the 65th Regt of Foot, about five feet eight inches high, near fifty years of age, black complexion, black curled hair, and rather bald on

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the crown of his head, had on a short red jacket, with black stripes on the sleeves, takes snuff very much, and carried a white goat skin knapsack.

Whoever will apprehend the said Davis, or give such notice as may the means of his being taken, to Thomas Atkinson of Great Newsham, near Greta Bridge, in the County of Yorkshire, shall receive a reward of One Guinea, and reasonable expenses.

## EDUCATION at Mr. Simpson's Academy

Woden Croft Lodge, near Greta Bridge, Yorkshire

YOUTH are boarded, and accurately instructed in the *English, Latin and Greek Languages – Writing, Arithmetic, Merchants' Accounts, and the Most Useful Branches of the Mathematics* on the following TERMS, viz

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From Six to Ten Years of Age: 13 Guineas per annum

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The French Language taught by a Native of France, One Guinea per annum extra

*Particular Attention is paid to their Health and Morals.*

Mr. Simpson is now in Town, and may be treated with at the Higher Swan, Market-Street-lane, till the 29th inst when he will leave Town with the young Gentlemen committed to his care.

*From the Manchester Mercury, June 25th 1799*

## Purchase of Newsham manor

From the *Newsham Court Book* of 1830:

WE the Jurors aforesaid do present and find Mark Milbank Esq MP of Thorpe Hall and Barningham Park to be the Purchaser of this Manor with its appertenances and of considerable Freehold Lands and Tenements held of the same Manor and Feodary Rents issuing out of divers Freehold Estates also held of the same Manor from William Johnson Hutchinson gentleman and Thomas Hutchinson gentleman late Lords and Proprietors thereof.

## Everything you could want – for two pence

From *Cooke's Almanack & Directory* for 1912:

NO man who has two pence in his pocket need starve.

In the poorer districts this magic sum will buy a plate of delicious stewed eels tastefully decked with parsley; or an extra large sausage with a roll; or a bowl of nourishing soup; or a pint mug of tea or cocoa or coffee, with a couple of slices of thick bread and butter.

Two pence will buy you a pint of ale or porter, or a portion of bread and cheese with pickles, in a public house.

From a fried fish shop you can get as much fish and potatoes for two coppers as you can conveniently eat. Two-penny loaves are sold in all bakers' shops.

Twopence will admit the enthusiast into the gallery of several East End music halls.

Railway porters will treat the giver with civility for a 'tuppenny' tip, and the loquacious cabman will not make disparaging remarks about breeding.

North Yorkshire County  
Record Office

## Local & Family History Day

Saturday March 15th  
at the

Pavilions of Harrogate  
10am – 4pm

Admission £2

Details:

01609 777585



*In the Name of God Amen, I John Kipling of Garmathwaite in the Parish of Barningham and in the County of York Yeoman, being of sound and perfect Disposition Mind and Memory Do make and decree this for and as my Last Will and Testament, in Manner and Form following;*

Also Jane his Wife departed this life March 31<sup>st</sup> 1764 aged 70 years”.

When John’s will was proved in 1768, Francis and John were stated to be yeoman, of Barningham and Arken-garthdale respectively.

John may later have moved to Timton Hill farm, as the Bowes parish register records the burial in 1772 of both “Ann, w of John Kipling of Timton Hill from Brignall p” and “Marmaduke Kipling from Brignall p”. John’s own fate is not known nor is that of his son John.

In 1772, there was a lease between Sarah Kipling, spinster, of Peake Hole (at Hope) and John White of Startforth for “a house called Peake Hole and 2a of land called Corn Hill” and several other concerning West Hope. These are the last known mentions of the name in connection with the parish until more recent times.

In Brough, the deaths of Robert Kipling from “the Warehouse” and his wife Eleanor were recorded in 1786. In the 1787 constable’s census, Francis Kipling, a labourer, his wife Elizabeth, a knitter, and their son John, also a labourer, were listed at Kaber. In 1795, Francis Kipling, husbandman of Brough Sowerby, died aged about 80. It therefore seems likely that the other two children of John moved to

### John Kipling’s will, c1760

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Westmorland.

We next find in the 1806 Kendal Midsummer Sessions Roll “Bond of John Kipling of Church Brough, husbandman, and John Moss, of Hegger-scale upon South Stainmore, yeoman, for the appearance of John Kipling, alleged father of a bastard child to be born to Barbara Fothergill of Nateby, single-woman”.

And in the 1807 Appleby Easter Sessions Roll “Alehouse keeper’s recognizance John Kipling, of Market Brough, husbandman, and John Petty, of same, blacksmith, for John Kipling to keep an alehouse in the house where James Stacey of Market Brough lately resided and in which John Kipling now dwells”.

John had a number of children at Brough, one of whose descendants in the male line has submitted to a DNA test, as have I. The match is very close, confirming the common origin of the Brough and Barningham Kiplings.

Francis’s other son, Francis, moved to Manchester, first being recorded as a ratepayer there in 1797 and dying there in 1810 “aged 47”.

The parish records contain a number of other 18th century Kipling entries. For example,

Sarah Kipling of Startforth married William Shaw of Kirkby Ravensworth in 1707 by licence. Who was she and why did she marry at Barningham?

More intriguingly, Georg Cipling (sic) of Barningham and his wife Ann had son Georg baptised in 1721 and John, the son of George Kipling, was baptised in 1724. This is likely to have been the George Kipling who married Ann Sigsworth at Kirkby Ravensworth in 1715 and, when “of Gilmondbie Field”, had son Francis baptised at Bowes in 1719.

Francis married Mary Cowper at Wycliffe in 1749 and later moved to Gilling. George may have married Margaret Shaw of Layton at Stanwyck in 1747 and had a daughter Ann baptised at Barningham in 1750, although at the time of his marriage he was reportedly living at Scotton near Catterick. He and Margaret also had a daughter, Jane, at Gilling in 1760.

I have not been able to identify George’s lineage, but a descendant of the Gilling Kiplings has also taken a DNA test and is again a very close match to me, implying that George was of Barningham origins.

Son John later worked for the Hudson’s Bay Company for many years – but that is a story for another day.

### cover story



## Over the garden gate

THE couple in our cover picture are standing outside Barningham House – here’s the full photograph, showing two young men as well. We don’t know who any of them are, or when the photo was taken.

We’d guess some time about 1900, when the house was occupied by a family called Brown so that could be the name of some or all of these four. The house hasn’t changed

*The house today*



all that much over the subsequent century: a second bay window has been added, the eastern chimney’s a bit smaller and the front door’s new, but otherwise it’s much the same.

## Crash query

AT the Hack and Spade in Whashton recently, owner Andy Ratcliffe told us about aircraft parts ploughed up on Willis’s farm at Ravensworth. Andy has them at the pub – a propeller and piece of engine.

There are wartime tales of the plane crash (not sure if it was English or German) which killed four crew members but with some survivors. Does anyone know more?

JANET PATERSON  
Dalton

## letters & emails Vicar links

PLEASE airmail me a copy of *A Fleeting Shadow*.

I heard about this book and your organization from Marian Moverly. I have traced my ancestry back to the family of Marmaduke Johnson who was a vicar and ran schools in the Barningham area in the mid-1700s. Marian recommended this book as a source of more information.

LORNE TWEED  
Geneva, Illinois, USA

## Many thanks

THANKS so much for all the pleasure that you and your crew have brought me. I can’t say often enough how very much the amount of time that you all sacrifice is appreciated.

I hope the winter is kinder this year. We may be proud of our roots, and in love with the landscape around Barningham – but sometimes it is a relief not to have to put up with the harsher aspects of winter – best viewed from afar!

DANI MILES, Havant, Hants

# What am I bid for this tidy little lot?

TURN the clock back almost a hundred years, and join us in 1918 on the doorstep of Heath House in Barningham, home of 61-year-old spinster Miss Frances McCulloch.

She's lived there most of her life, alone for the last six years since her father died and left her his fortune, and she's moving out to spend her final years in the more comfortable surroundings of a London hotel.

Up for auction today are the entire contents of the house, and we've got a list of what's for sale.

Just inside the door is a fine mahogany hallstand beside a large oak umbrella tub, a collection of plaster figures, a hanging lamp and six cases of stuffed birds.

Turn right into the main drawingroom and admire the Axminster bordered Turkish carpet with matching Axminster rug. There's a large leather settee, stuffed with hair; a six-foot-six Spanish pedestal sideboard; the late Mr McCulloch's gentleman's armchair, covered in crimson plush; various other chairs, a divan, and a drop-leaf table with claw feet. All these, and much else in the house, are made of the best mahogany.

Scattered round the room are ornaments, cushions, steel engravings, sporting prints, brass and wooden curtain poles and the chintz curtains to go with them. There's an impressive brass fire kerb and a large walnut coal box by the mantelpiece.

Down the hall in the dining-room is a nine-piece walnut dining suite, chintz-covered, and what auctioneer John Parkinson from Barnard Castle describes as "a very handsome

## 1918 auction



ebonised and ormolu china cabinet" full of old china and curios.

Over the fireplace is a large gilded mirror in front of which stands an ormolu clock under a glass shade. On one side of the room is a pile of paraphernalia collected from all over the house: a spark guard, several copper hot water bottles, hearthrugs, a butler's tray and stand, a tapestry carpet, the inevitable corner whatnot.

Now for the upstairs and the secrets of Miss McCulloch's bedrooms – five of them.

There's a circular-headed brass bedstead, a brass and black bedstead, a feather bed and a chair bed; an enormous mahogany wardrobe with swing mirrors; another wardrobe, this one in walnut; a curled-hair mattress, dressing tables, piles of quilts and blankets, towel rails, bedroom chairs, two oil stoves, an old oak box, and two zinc baths (there's no bathroom in the house, of course, just a partitioned-off corner in each of the main bedrooms for the occupants' ablutions).

Lying forlorn in one of the long-empty spare bedrooms is a ping-pong set. It's probably been gathering dust since Miss McCulloch was a child: she had an elder sister, who died young, but no-one else to play with.

Back downstairs to the kitchen. There's a wide selection of cutlery, some of it very old; a Sheffield-plate salver, cruet stands, jugs and pewterware, crockery galore. In the scullery stands the washer, a laundry table, a harness stand, a wheelbarrow and sundry items in boxes that will sell as job lots.

The sale starts at noon, Mr Parkinson in charge. We've no idea how much everything went for, or indeed whether everything was sold. Mr Parkinson held another auction the following week, this time in Barnard Castle's Central Salerooms, and advertised among its contents "from various vendors" are a number of items that look rather familiar. Mahogany wardrobes, anyone?

● *Miss McCulloch went to live in London, spending most of the rest of her life in a variety of hotels (see Archives 4, 14 & 30). She died in 1935.*

*Heath House was owned by the Milbanks. After Miss McCulloch left it was divided into two (and later into three) dwellings and rented out to various people. It was sold in the 1980s, one half to Sheila Catton, the other to Bobby Brass. Sheila and Jon Smith bought the Brass's half in 1993 and converted the building back to one house.*

*It now contains even more unwanted junk than it did back in 1918. – Ed.*

## James Kipling

A "widow Kipling" paid the 1674 tax on one hearth at Scargill. James Kipling had died in 1671, so it was probably his widow.

James's children were Margaret (1648), Henry (1649), John (1651), Ann (1654), Elinor (1658), Syth (1661–1696) and Thomas (1664).

James's son John had daughters Elizabeth (1677–1680) and Elizabeth (1681), followed by sons Francis (1681) and William (1684–1684). He then moved to Caldwell in the parish of Stanwick St John, where he died in 1707, his wife Elizabeth having died in 1702. Son Francis married in 1712 at Caldwell and his descendants became weavers and carpet manufacturers in Darlington and Leeds and are my own direct ancestors.

I have not yet been able to trace James's other sons.

## Francis Kipling junior

A Francis Kipling married Mary Swindale at St Michael's in 1670, although it is unclear whether this is father or son, and had children Ann (1676), Margaret (1678–1682, daughter of Francis "the younger"), Jenat (1683), John (1687) and Mary (1690), by which time Francis was of Hope. A daughter, Thosina, was buried in 1683.

It is unclear whether Ann was the daughter of father or son, although as she and Mary (whom I attributed above to Francis senior) were baptised less than six months apart, it would appear that both were procreating simultaneously.

Francis died in 1731 but may first have married Ann Herd at St Michael's in 1729, although there is no evidence either of the death of his first wife or

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of the fate of Ann Kipling's after 1731.

## Illegitimacies, etc

Around the turn of the 17th century, there appear to have been a small spate of Kipling illegitimacies.

First William, the "bastard child of" Jennet Kipling was born in 1689, then Mary Kipling of Scargill had an illegitimate child, also William, in 1700.

The mothers could possibly be the daughters Jane and Mary of Francis Kipling the elder (a Jennet Kipling died in 1699). Then, as seen above, Phyllis Kipling had an illegitimate daughter in 1709. What became of any of the children is unknown.

In 1696, Mary Kipling, the daughter of John Kipling of Scargill and his wife Margaret was born. Could this John be the son of Francis the elder? John Kiplings also died in 1695 and 1696 and could be unbaptised infants of this couple.

## The 18th century

We now move into the 18th century – and the departure of the Kiplings from Barningham for many years. During most of the century, there was just one main Kipling family in the parish. This was initially headed by Francis Kipling, who in 1716 was renting a farm in Scargill from recusant Marmaduke Tunstall for £9 10s a year. His brother Anthony was renting a "farm containing a cottage and a piece of ground" from Tunstall for £2 10s a year. Francis died in 1731 and Anthony died, childless as far as is known, in 1739.

Francis's son John Kipling, who had been born in 1687, lived at Hope and was married

to Jane. They had children Robert (1714), Francis (1716), John (1718) and Sarah (1720).

Robert married Eleanor Dent in 1736. Francis only married in his late forties, to Elizabeth Robinson in Brough in 1764. They initially lived in Barningham, at West Hope, having sons Francis (1765) and John (1767).

John was also married, according to his father's will, and it may be he who married Anne Walker in 1749 and had children John (1749), Marmaduke (1753), Mary (1757) and Anne (1763).

In 1763, there was an indenture between John Kipling of Scargill and John Walton of Farewell which refers to "a dwelling house where George Peacock and Sm. Croft now live at Westhouses or Arken-garth-dale Head now in possession of John Kipling".

In 1765, John Kipling was renting a messuage for £45 10s. from a later Marmaduke Tunstall, possibly the same or an enlarged farm as that of his father in 1716.

Jane died in 1764 and John in 1766. In his will, John (of Garmathwaite in Hope) leaves £3 to Robert and £16 6s 6d ("being the full value of my wool sold this present year") to the children of Francis and John (whom he appoints executors). The residue of his estate he gives to Francis and John, other than his household furniture which he gives to his daughter Sarah.

Jane and John's gravestone in St Michael's churchyard is the only memorial to the Kiplings in the parish. It is inscribed "Memento mori: Here lies the Body of John Kipling who departed this life April 25<sup>th</sup> 1766 Aged 80 years



## Sorting out all the Kiplings three centuries ago

*The second report by MIKE KIPLING on his family, which has links with Barningham going back more than 400 years.*

IN 1655, the ownership of the pews at Barningham's St Michael's church was noted in the parish register. Francis Kiplin had two, one behind the other, and Bryan and John Kiplin had one apiece.

Francis was a son of Leonard Kipling (see *Archive 38*) but who Bryan or John Kipling were I have as yet been unable to discover. No pew belonged to James, the other son of Leonard, although from the baptism of six of his children at St Michael's, between 1647 and 1664, he would appear to have been resident. He is recorded as being of Scargill at the time of the baptism of his daughter Syth in 1661.

### John Kipling of Greengill

John Kipling is first recorded in the parish registers in 1658 as having a son Bryan (when he was "of Swinstye", which presumably is Swinston) who died the same year.

Subsequently, he probably is the father of John (1662), Elizabeth (1664), Alice (1667, when John was of Greengill), Marye (1669) and Phyllis (1672).

In 1674, he paid tax on one hearth. In 1678, within nine days in September, John first lost daughter Mary, then wife Elizabeth and finally their unbaptised son Miles, the latter two quite possibly consequent on a difficult labour.

He probably remarried in 1679 to Ann Hird and had further children Robert (1680) and Brian (1682), both Greengill. Second wife Ann possibly died

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in 1690 (the transcript states "widow of John Krylin", which could be a transcription error) although there is no record of John's death, before or after. It is possible that Bryan the pew-owner was John's father or brother, given that John named two sons Bryan or Brian.

In 1702 Alice Kipling "of Scargill" married William Collin. Phyllis Kipling had "a bastard child", Ann, in 1709 and in 1716 was the tenant of "a small cottage, gratis" owned by Marmaduke Tunstall. It is not known what happened to any of the other children, although it is possible that John later moved to Hutton.

Certainly, in 1716 a John Kipling was renting a farm at Hutton for £5 15s a year from Marmaduke Tunstall and, like him, was convicted of being a papist that year. He had even named his eldest son Marmaduke in 1703, a name which persisted in that branch of the family until the death of farmer

### John and Jane Kipling's gravestone – the only Kipling family memorial in Barningham churchyard

Marmaduke Kipling in Hutton in 1825.

As Merryn Watson tells, the Tunstalls had moved from Scargill Castle to Wycliffe in the mid 17th century – maybe John Kipling followed both geographically and spiritually.

### Francis Kipling of Scargill

Francis's children included Francis (1651), William (1654–1683), Marye (1656–1656), Margaret (1658), Anthony (1660), Elyoner (1664), Jane (1666) and John (1669–1670). It is probable that John (1672) and Mary (1676) were also his children, although as eldest son Francis also started a family around this time the records are ambiguous.

Francis was churchwarden in 1664 and paid tax in 1674 on 3 hearths at Scargill, indicating a reasonably substantial property. He died in 1693.



## Fryer's farm that became a model home

*The final entry in our survey of Barningham's houses and who has lived in them over the years. If you have more information about featured houses, please let us know.*

### HAWSTEAD & SUSSEX HOUSE

THERE was a farm at Hawstead (its name means a farmstead surrounded by hedges) long before Augustus Sussex Milbank decided to turn it into a model farm in the 1860s.

It was listed in a survey of land owned by the Milbanks in 1726, tenanted that year by a John Fryer who farmed 346 acres in the area.

Fryers (also variously called Freers, Frears and Friers) had been living in Barningham for well over a century before that: one of the first burials recorded when the parish registers began was of a John Frier in 1582 and in the next couple of centuries he was followed by scores more of the same or similar surname.

We don't know who followed the 1726 John Fryer, but a map drawn around 1800 showing Milbank-owned land has the name Thomas Judson scrawled across the Hawstead fields. Judson had been born at Dalton Hall, a member of a well-to-do family who moved to London and married well (see *Archive 13*).

By 1807 the occupier of Hawsteads was a George Mar-



Thomas Judson (1771-1857)



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ley; in 1838, when the village tithe apportionment map was drawn up, the fields around the farm were tenanted by a John Gibson. He doesn't appear in the 1841 census records, presumably having moved on by then, and there's a gap until Augustus Sussex Milbank came on the scene some twenty years later.

Born in 1827, the fourth son of Mark and Lady Augusta Milbank, Augustus became fond of Barningham during childhood visits to the village from the family home in Thorpe Perrow (Barningham hall was an occasional 'holiday home' during the hunting season). He returned to live in the village after an adventurous early life and became an enthusiastic agriculturalist (see *Archives 28, 29 & 30*).

To demonstrate what could be achieved by the introduc-



Augustus Milbank (1827-1896)

tion of the latest farming techniques, he took over Hawstead and turned it into a model farm complete with a comfortable dwelling for himself (Sussex House), accommodation for a farm manager and a range of state-of-the-art farm buildings.

It opened in 1863, with further additions over the next decade. A commemorative plaque dated 1874 bearing the Milbank family arms and

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motto ("Resolute and Firm") can be seen on the roadside wall.

Augustus spent most of the next 30 years in Barningham, dying while on holiday in Monte Carlo in 1896.

Running the new model farm in the 1860s were brothers John and William Coates, both born at Stony Keld in Bowes. The 1871 census records John as a 31-year-old unmarried farm bailiff, William as a 26-year-old widower employed as a chamberlain – Augustus' valet, we presume, in charge of running the household. The pair were almost certainly the sons of John Coates, who had been farming Park House from the 1840s.

William's wife may well have been Annie Coates, who died at Hawstead in 1870 aged 30. William remarried a couple of years later, his second wife a Sarah Jobson from London. The couple moved to Early Lodge for some years before returning to Hawstead in 1878, swapping homes with John.

Between 1872 and 1882 William and Sarah had at least five children, three of whom died in childhood. William died in 1883, aged 40 (he left an estate worth £2,530, a hefty sum in those days, to Sarah – see *Archive 3*); his brother John, unmarried, followed him into Barningham churchyard two years later. Augustus Milbank paid for an ornate gravestone "in affectionate memory... of their long and faithful service" in his household.

John's funeral was an eventful affair: the vicar noted in the burials register that "the



Plaque on the Hawstead wall. Right, a bell on the east gable wall – used to summon farm workers to lunch?



undertaker, in assisting the coffin at the grave, fell halfway into the grave under the coffin, which was very heavy – the earth giving way." Happily he wasn't seriously injured.

Sarah moved her aged parents into Hawstead and continued to run the farm, helped by her unmarried daughter Ella, niece Juliet from Park House, and an Anthony Coates from Long Green (probably a relation of some sort, though we can't work out quite how – there were an awful lot of Coates around at the time!) who took on the role of farm bailiff.



The Coates brothers' gravestone

Sarah died in 1903 and the farm was taken over by 56-year-old William Wilkinson from Early Lodge. With him came his wife Mary and several of their eight children, of whom two – Emily and John – were still there at the time of the 1911 census when they were recorded as living in 'Hawstead Lower House'.

It's not clear who, if anyone, was occupying the rest of the building at this time: no one is listed in the census records or the local directories, and perhaps it stood empty or was used only occasionally by the Milbanks to house visitors?

William died in 1914 and his grandson John took over the farm, running it until he married and left in the mid-1920s. We don't know where he went, but his mother moved to Newsham and died, aged 95, at Ivy Cottage in 1945.

By 1930 Hawstead was the home of Bill and Dorothy Preston. We don't know much about Bill, but for the next 20 years and more Dorothy (born Dorothy Icton and better known as Dolly) ran a dance band that Neil Turner recalls as "the best band in the land". Scarcely a week went by without the *Teesdale Mercury* announcing that Mrs Preston's

## NEWSHAM 1904

Boothby Rev W J, Newsham Grange  
Dunn Thomas  
Lodge William  
Commercial  
Allen John, farmer  
Allison William, tailor  
Anderson James  
Atkinson John  
Atkinson Mark, Park House  
Atkinson Edward, joiner  
Bell Matthew, Byer hill  
Coates John, farmer, Long green  
Coates Mrs, Farmer, Hawkestead  
Cole Ben, farmer, innkeeper, Smallways  
Dent Henry, stonemason, dist cnclr  
Dunn Jno Richard, farmer, Elm cottage  
Guyesley Anderson, Dunn Cow Inn  
Graham Frederick, farmer  
Hind Robert, farmer, Elm cottage  
Hind John Richard, blacksmith  
Hind Ralph, blacksmith  
Johnson William Graham, Earby hall  
Martin Jeffrey, veterinary sgn, St John's Ho

Maude William, farmer  
Milburn William, Black Bull Inn  
Ogden George, grocer  
Patterson William, farmer, Longlands  
Pattinson Thos, farmer, Newsham Ho  
Pearson William, miller  
Pearson George, Seal hill  
Pearson David, farmer  
Shippon Anthony  
Sidgwick Thomas, farmer, Stonestoops  
Stainthorpe George, hind  
Stanick Geo, farmer, Newsham lodge  
Temple William, boot & shoemaker  
Watson John, gardener  
Watson Jonathan, farmer  
Westmoreland G jnr, grocer  
Wilkinson George, farmer  
Wilkinson William, farmer  
Wright Joseph, keeper

Farm labourers

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Allen Mary        | Garthwaite Mrs   |
| Bulman William    | Garthwaite Wm    |
| Carter Joseph     | Mason John       |
| Cartridge William | Nicholson John   |
| Dent Edward       | Ridsdale William |
| Dent Joseph       | Tidyman Robert   |
| Delaney John      | Turner Elizabeth |
| Elgey Thomas      | Scott John       |
| Fitzpatrick Thos  | Walker John      |

## NEW FOREST 1904

Anderson George Thos, Kersey green  
Bradbury James, Kexwith  
Davison Christopher, Helwith  
Hodgson Thomas, Holgate  
Hidgson Edwards, Holgate  
Hunt James, Kexwith  
Hunt William, West house  
Metcalfe William, Lummas house

## GAYLES 1904

Allison John  
Bainbridge Thos, Gaylesfield house  
Bainbridge William, farmer  
Barker John  
Barker Henry  
Binks Francis, carrier, flour dealer  
Blackburn Thomas  
Bradbury James, Waitgate  
Brown Mary  
Chilton George  
Coates Thos F, farmer, churchwarden  
Dunn Mrs  
Darwin Benjamin, flour dealer  
Garth Mary  
Goodhall George, gamekeeper  
Gibbon John, Slip Inn  
Gunnell William  
Henderson Wm, farmer  
Holloway enry, woodman  
Hodgson John R  
Hunt Alfred, Waitgate  
Ianson Rebecca  
Ianson John  
I'Anson Robert, tailor  
Markham Mrs M  
Marwood Henry  
Morton William, farmer, Gayles hall  
Ramsden George  
Shields Thomas H  
Swetnam Charlotte  
Waite Robert

## WHASHTON 1904

Abbott Annie  
Barker Robert, labourer  
Bolton John, gamekeeper  
Chilton William, Sturdy house  
Chilton Wm, Whashton green, overseer  
Croft Robert, boot & shoemaker  
Dolphin Frederick, labourer  
Gibson Joseph, Green lane  
Harker Elizabeth  
Harker Christopher, labourer  
Harrison George, police constable  
Heslop T, Bay Horse, Whashton green  
Hodgson C, farmer & district councillor  
Hogg Alfred, labourer  
Holgate Charles, Whashton springs  
Horseman Thomas, labourer  
Hutchinson J, foreman to Mr Metcalfe  
Knox Roger, Whashton green  
Mackenzie Mrs, farmer  
Park William jnr, labourer  
Peacock Absolem, Buddle house  
Pounder John, labourer  
Pounder Jane  
Pounder George, labourer  
Raine John, labourer  
Raine William

Russell John, gamekeeper  
Smith Thos, grocer, Hack & Spade  
Whitehead Matthew, quarryman  
Wood Thomas, wheelwright  
Wood John, wheelwright  
Willson James, farm bailiff  
Willson William, farmer  
Wilson John, labourer  
Wilson James jnr, labourer  
Wood Esther

## DALTON 1904

Todd John, Poplars

Commercial

Arnott Robert  
Bainbridge Tarn, farmer, Dowsjill  
Banner John, farmer  
Blackburn John, Hind  
Brownless Ernest, farmer, Duns bank  
Blades Parkin, labourer  
Blackburn John, labourer  
Chilton Ralph, farmer, asst overseer  
Chilton George, labourer  
Chilton Isabella, Corner house  
Chilton Isabella, dressmaker  
Coates F, farmer, Crumma  
Cuthbertson Wm, boot & shoemaker  
Dent John, quarryman  
Dent John, farmer  
Dimmock G, gamekeeper to G Sow-  
erby's executors, Dalton hall  
Fairley Wm, foreman for Ernest  
Brownless  
Farnell W, schoolmaster  
Fenwick Thomas  
Gargett Thompson, farmer, High  
Dalton hall

Gregory John, postman & farmer  
Henderson George, miller, Dalton mill  
Hodgson James, ex-schoolmaster,  
Greyhound cottage  
Hunt Alfred, farmer, Crumma  
Hutchinson Philip  
Horseman John, hind  
Metcalfe John, Dalton fields, district  
councillor  
Moses Anthony, labourer  
Nelson William, Hind  
Porter John, farmer, Throstlegill  
Pearson William, farmer, the Grange  
Plews -, farmer, High Dalton Fields  
Ridley William, joiner  
Spencer Ellen  
Stockdale John, hind  
Stubbs William, farmer, Brownsa bank  
Simpson William, Pleasant view  
Tiplady Anthony, Greyhound Inn  
Tiplady John, Bay Horse Inn  
White John, quarryman  
White Elizabeth  
White Arthur, quarryman  
Wilkinson Mrs, caretaker of Wesleyan  
chapel

Chilton, butcher, from Ravensworth,  
attends Dalton every Friday

Kearon, butcher, from Richmond,  
attends Dalton every Thursday

Letters arrive from Richmond via  
Gilling at 11am; despatch from  
Dalton at 2pm



# Why did granny fight Mary Scott?

HISTORY group member June Graham has a collection of North Yorkshire almanacks and directories from the early 1900s which are full of information for anyone trying to trace family members at the time.

As well as listing all the adults in each village, they give occupations and addresses for many of them, a useful addi-

## 1904 almanack

tion to the census records. The lists for Newsham, Dalton and Gayles from the 1904 *Spencer's District Directory* for the Richmond area are reproduced on this page and the next (Barningham wasn't included).

There are all the usual almanack features – weather details, forecasts for the future and

lots of advertisements – and diaries for the coming year.

It's on one of these that we came across the page you see below, for July 1904. Its owner (unknown) wasn't a prolific diarist, and the first half of July is blank. But he or she recorded Mr Maud's hay being stacked on July 18th, Mr Maud dying on the 22nd, and Mr Maud being buried on the 26th.

The unfortunate Mr Maud was William Maude (with an e), a 64-year-old widowed farmer living on the north side of Newsham village green.

It's the next and last diary entry that intrigues us most. On the 19th, writes the diarist, "granny and Mary Scott fought twice in one day."

Mary Scott was the 53-year-old wife of another Newsham farmer, John Scott, who lived on the other side of the green. But who was 'granny'? Why did she fight Mary Scott, not once but twice in one day?

● *William Maude's son George and John Scott's son Henry were both killed in action during the first world war. Their names appear on Newsham war memorial.*

### KIRKBY HILL 1904

Drakefield-Lewis, Rev L Arthur, vicar  
Drakefield-Lewis, Miss, the Vicarage  
Drakefield-Lewis, Miss Mary, the Vicarage  
Wood, Rev Gifford, MA BA, Grammar School Master  
Boothby, Rev W J, curate  
Brunton George, farmer & overseer  
Gargett Betty  
Horne Fanny, Shoulder of Mutton  
Johnson Samuel, farmer, land agent, guardian, overseer, waywarden, chairman of parish meeting  
Leyburn John, farmer & parish clerk  
Plews William  
Smith Mrs  
Snaithe John

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Band would be providing the music at a dance somewhere in Teesdale.

Neil remembers the band appearing on many occasions at Barningham school – now the village hall – and playing at wartime "sixpenny hops" in the village Reading Room for soldiers based at the hall.

"There was Mrs Preston on piano, her son Bobby on accordion, Alfie Walker on bones and drums, Ena Preston who became the postmistress at Gilling... they went everywhere."

Dorothy (who, for the record, was aunt to Ray Ridley of Kexwith) and Bill lived in the eastern end of the house until moving to Northallerton in the 1950s. By then the western (posh) end had become the home of Jack Milbank (second son of Sir Frederick and uncle to Sir Anthony) who lived at Hawstead from his marriage

**A WHIST DRIVE AND OLD-FASHIONED DANCE**  
will be held in the  
**CHURCH INSTITUTE, MICKLETON,**  
on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27th, 1945.**  
Whist Drive commencing at 7 p.m. prompt.  
Admission 1/6 ; Forces 1/-.  
Light Refreshments, 6d. each.  
Championship Prize £1. Six other good Prizes.  
Dance commencing 9.30 p.m. until 1 a.m.  
Admission 1/6 ; Forces 1/-.  
Mrs Preston's Band in attendance.  
Proceeds for Welcome Home Fund.

Ad in the Teesdale Mercury, July 1945

in 1938 until he and his wife Lucy left for Newsham House.

Later occupants of Hawstead have included Jack and Elizabeth Bousfield, Arthur and Norma Earnshaw, and Colin and Margaret Langstaff, who live there today.

At some point (in the 1980s?) the house was reorganised internally, reducing the western 'Sussex House'

section and converting it into two flats whose occupants have included Steve Lewis and Ruth Couchman and, currently, Angie Townsend and Mark Watson.

● *This brings our House Histories series to an end. If anyone cares to attempt a similar series on houses in other villages, we'd be delighted to publish them in the Archive.*

## Finally... the houses that have vanished

SEVERAL Barningham houses have disappeared over the years. Among those we know about are:

### 1. WOODTOP HOUSE

A FARMHOUSE on the west side of Cow Close Lane, just on the left before the road dips down to Gill Beck. Occupied until at least the 1850s, still there when the 1892 OS map was surveyed, but derelict by the early 1900s. There's no sign of it today.

### 2. MILL HILL

FARMSTEAD north of Barningham House, occupied by a family called Ward in the early twentieth century but abandoned many years ago. It's now used as agricultural outbuildings by Barningham House. As its name suggests, this was once the site of a mill – Merryne Watson believed there was one here beside Nor Beck, though nothing remains of it today.



### 3. MOOR COTTAGE (?)

TUCKED away behind Heath Cottages, a house demolished half a century or more ago. We're not sure of its name – can anyone remember?

### 4. SHARON COTTAGE

A SMALL house on the east side of Fountain Cottage, demolished in 1972 and replaced by the present Curlew House. See *Archives 6 & 18*.

### 5. LILAC COTTAGE

THIS stood to the west of the Milbank Arms and survived into the second half of the twentieth century before being pulled down to create better access to what is now The Gatehouse. What did it look like? See overleaf.



## Newsham bride

AN unknown bride, groom and bridesmaid outside the Dun Cow Inn in Newsham some time in the early 1930s. Landlord at the time was Joseph Butler. The pub was later renamed The Pipes Tavern and closed in the 1990s – see *Archive 26*.



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Decorations on the Barningham Park gates to mark Sir Frederick Milbanks' 21st birthday on September 7th 1902.

## Card recalls Brother George memories

WE found this greetings card among a pile of papers from the 1980s, and recall it being sold at the Milbank Arms in aid of the St John of God Hospital at Scorton.

Every pub those days seemed to have a collection tin in the shape of portly Brother George Larkin, and the affable monk himself used to tour the region's hostelrys picking up the cash and, if we remember correctly, not averse to quaffing the odd jar of ale or two on his travels. It's of particular interest because it shows not only the pub but also Lilac Cottage, which stood at its



Brother George western end until its demolition about 40 years ago.

It's the only good picture of the cottage we've found so far. Does anybody know who drew it, and when?



## Last Todds at Fairview

WILLIAM and Sophia Todd taking it easy on the steps in front of Fairview, Barningham, in 1933. William – known to everyone as Willy – moved into the house, built by his father James in 1879, in 1920.

Sophia died within a year of this picture being taken; Willy remained at Fairview until after the war, when he moved to Tutta Beck and then Hartlepool, dying in 1957. See *Archive 18*.

In the photo Willy is sporting splendid plus-fours, wearing some sort of cover over his right arm, and carrying what looks like a handbag. Surely not? Has anyone got a better idea?