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the museum, and facilities for recreational
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A word from the Chairman...

In July I spoke of this being a momentous year for the museum, and I had in mind the now confirmed acquisition of the property at Trumps, allowing us to provide proper facilities for research, and ease the museum's acute problem of space. The news that Dr Bob Symes is standing aside as curator makes 2015 doubly momentous.

Bob Symes has been an inspirational figure who has made ours an outstanding local museum. Having been

Head of the Department of Mineralogy at the Natural History Museum in London, Bob took over as curator in Sidmouth fourteen years ago and is as enthusiastic now as he was when I first met him, providing charismatic leadership and drive. I am very pleased that he will continue to be available to the museum as a wise counsellor.

Bob has been urging the need for a solution to the museum's problem of space for several years. It has not been easy to find the right solution, but I know he is pleased that we have finally, during his curatorship, found premises which will have so many advantages for the museum and the Association. The new premises in Fore Street, which, apart from providing the space we need, will be an investment. We will next year be able to house the museum's archive of research documents, including local newspapers, and provide the opportunity for supervised research in comfortable surroundings. We will free up space at Hope Cottage to allow improved display of our collection, and create a headquarters for the SVA, with a meeting room for our committees.

Clearly, the Association does have funds, but the condition of the Keith Owen Fund was that the capital could not be spent, though we will use some of the income from it towards refurbishing/equipping our newly acquired premises. We will use funds from our Trust Fund, to meet a significant part of the capital cost, but we must retain a healthy sum in our funds in order to be able to meet ongoing costs.

In some years our subscription income just covers the cost of the newsletters/annual report for our 2300 members, but more often it falls short. In addition, it costs over £20,000 pa in running costs to maintain the high standards which the Museum has achieved. Income from donations by visitors and shop sales, though very gratifying, does not cover this and the deficit has to be made up from the Trust Fund – over £30,000 over the past two years (more than half on



Bob Symes

A word from the Chairman continued ... exterior repairs and redecoration). The Association has also contributed over £16,000 for maintenance of the land we own in the valley, including tree work.

You can hopefully see why we have launched a public appeal for funds to help with the new premises, which will obviously add to our annual outgoings.

Meanwhile, do enjoy all that this beautiful part of the country offers even as the nights draw in, and enjoy all that the SVA provides, too!

Alan Darrant

Woodlands and Estates

The summer has been disappointing from the weather point of view and the long dry spells have brought forward the flowering of some species and resulted in an early autumn.

Peaslands Knapp

Apart from some unwanted vandalism and misuse of facilities the summer has been fairly uneventful with everyone enjoying the wildlife of the area. Once again sheep will be grazing over winter.

Margarets Meadow, Gilchrist and Livonia Fields

The new trees are settled in and doing well. The yellow rattle flowered well and is doing an excellent job keeping down the grass. Once again it may not be necessary to cut, other than in Livonia Field.

The Golden Copse has done well again but is fast approaching the thinning out stage.

The maintenance team have worked hard and the area looks more like a wild meadow and therefore more attractive to wild life. It is hoped to plant some *Fritillaria Meleagris* bulbs in the river meadow near future. There will be some cutting back of brambles this autumn to reduce their encroachment on the open space.

The pond is to be left to its own devices and hopefully will retain the inch or two of water that it seems to be able to support. The history of the pond tells us that it was used as a dumping ground for builder's rubble by the previous owner and therefore will not be able to hold water without vast expense, which is presently not available.

The river area is free of Himalayan Balsam although it will probably reappear from seed brought down by the Sid.

We have a new River warden, Peter Brookes, who is taking on all things river and working with the Woodlands and Estates team.

Salcombe Regis

Soldiers Hill gave a wonderful display of grasses and clover and the reappearance of the Purple orchids was reassuring. One or two clumps of wood anemones have been planted in Soldiers Hill copse and rabbit and deer permitting should multiply.

Combe Head Wood is still work in progress and despite the steepness, much battle against the bracken has been waged and it has been cut back three times. Next year will show whether we are winning. The bramble has been greatly reduced.

A by-product of the clearance was a marvellous display of foxgloves.

This summer was notable for the lack of glow worms, but the different varieties of butterfly seen were encouraging. They included Brimstone, Peacock, Red Admiral, Painted Lady, Tortoiseshell, Holly Blue, Common Blue, Clouded Yellow, Spotted Wood, Gatekeeper, Meadow Brown, Comma, Siverwashed Fritillary, Marbled White, Large White, Orange Tip, Wall butterfly and Humming Bird Moths.

Once again I would welcome anyone who is able to help with maintenance, it only requires a couple of hours a week. Please phone on 01395 519350 or email me on Richardjhuntington@yahoo.co.uk and I will put you in touch with the right person.

Richard Huntington



Butterfly Day at Peaslands Knapp



On Saturday 20th June, the SVA and the Devon Branch of Butterfly Conservation arranged three walks around Peaslands Knapp to look for butterflies and their food plants and to identify moths on the reserve.

The weather was not particularly kind for butterflies as the first two walks were in cloud and a little drizzle. The last walk benefitted from some sunshine but had more

wind. As a result there were not very many butterflies flying but the following species were seen: large skipper, meadow brown, common blue, small tortoiseshell and speckled wood. A painted lady was seen in the road at the conclusion of the last walk.

Food plants e.g. knapweed, birds foot trefoil, garlic mustard, tufted vetch, cinquefoil, nettles and brambles were seen and indicate that the habitat is good for butterflies. To date 18 species have been recorded on the reserve throughout the year.

The night before moth traps had been set up and lots of beautiful moths were identified and photographed by about 35 visitors. The moth highlights were two elephant hawk moths and three buff tips with several dark arches, heart and darts and willow beauty and buff ermine seen as well.

The SVA would like to thank Roger and Pam Bristow and John Keith from Butterfly Conservation for their support and enthusiasm and identification charts and books which made the day go so well.

Jon Ball

Woodlands and Estates

Interested in joining a working party?

Everyone welcome – Every Monday, except Bank Holidays 9:30-12:00

For details contact Richard Huntingdon 01395 519350
richardjhuntington@yahoo.co.uk

The River

Himalayan Balsam

The past few months have been largely dominated by the “Balsam Bashing” activity. This has been a joint initiative with Sidmouth in Bloom, aimed specifically at trying to reduce the spread of this invasive species.

Himalayan Balsam grows in proximity to damp river areas, and unfortunately the River Sid has over 50% of its length infested. A particularly bad area is at the rear of the Rugby club at Sidford.

Unfortunately by now the Balsam has flowered and set seed, so further bashing will only distribute the seed further, consequently the activity is now suspended for the year, but we hope will recommence in July next year when the new growth is recognisable. To help in this task, the 1st Sidmouth Cub Scouts have volunteered to offer assistance as part of their Global Challenge badge, and so a local ecological consultant, Louise Woolley, is planning to give a briefing to the Cubs (and any family and friends who would care to assist in this noble art!) before next year’s initiative.

If any members of the SVA want to join in this social activity next year, I will advise in the next Newsletter.



The Himalayan Balsam, showing flower, and seed pod top left

River Sid

The river Sid flows along the eastern boundary of Gilchrist Field, and Margaret’s Meadow, at the northern end of the Byes. An informal footpath runs part way alongside the river offering magnificent views of this beautiful watercourse, where both kingfishers and dippers are frequent visitors. The river is classified as having scored a “Good” biological status in the recent Devon Wildlife Trust report, and SVA’s efforts are being made to maintain this status.

What to do with the old Victorian Pond? – Surveyor required!

Over a hundred years ago a semicircular fish and boating pond existed (at the northern end of Gilchrist Field). However, over the years the pond has been filled and now comprises a shallow doughnut shaped pool, which is stagnant and considerably overgrown with a complete covering of duckweed – which deprives the water of oxygen, and hence stifles other natural growth.

The area is now heavily wooded and so there is limited sunlight, again reducing natural growth. One of the options for overcoming this problem would be to maintain a small flow of fresh water (possibly by gravity from the adjacent river) through the pond. In order to ascertain if this is viable, particularly as the River Sid bed level has become considerably lower since Victorian times, is to carry out a topographical survey of the area. The survey would aim to compare water



levels of the river and pond, and would be best undertaken in winter when the leaves are off the trees. *If any member of the SVA would like to offer their services in surveying the potential pipeline routes, please contact the SVA.*

Peter Brookes



Peter Brookes – New Team River Warden

My wife and I have lived in Sidbury for over twenty years. As a chartered civil engineer, I moved to Devon to help project manage the South West's Clean Sweep programme to improve the quality of the bathing waters around our coastline.

I am an active member of the Sidbury community, and Sid Valley Rotary club of which I am a founder member. We are always stunned by the beauty of the Devon coast and countryside, and particularly the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which we must do all we can to preserve.

Sidmouth Museum

Images of Museums as dry, dusty and dark places full of ancient relics of interest only to a few visitors who tiptoe round in silence are consigned to history. These days Museums set out to be a vibrant part of the community. During his period as curator, Dr. Bob Symes has ensured that Sidmouth led the way in this approach as events such as our August activity days illustrate.

Singing the Sidmouth Rocks

Organised by Roger Trend and his talented daughter Emma, the third year of this event proved more popular than ever. The morning session of learning music and songs, including some new ones, attracted over 40 people.

Roger must then have felt somewhat like the Pied Piper, as he and Emma led 80 plus people on the walk performing the songs. And, this was on a very bad day when no-one else braved the Esplanade! Our thanks to both Roger and Emma for all their sterling efforts.



Natural History Day Photos by Terry Ife

The weather had a major impact on this day, in somewhat unusual ways. Thanks to an earlier storm, resulting in waves pouring over the rocks, “animal identification” was substituted for rock pooling. Initial disappointment at this, soon turned to interest as youngsters got stuck into owl pellet dissection, identifying many small vertebrates rarely seen.

By the afternoon the sun had come out in force for the first time in days, so most people headed for the beach. The few who attended the afternoon session were rewarded with a tree trail, quizzes, puzzles & numerous activities, together with a splendid presentation of the “Life Cycle of the Butterfly”.



The Museum was grateful to Penny Evans, the EDDC Countryside Ranger and her assistant Laura; Jon & Penny Ball of the Arboretum and Roger Bristow who, together with our own Young People's section, put on a tremendous show. It just such a pity that so few people took advantage of it. Hopefully we can repeat the exercise, in more favourable conditions.





Red Rocks Day

Organised by Roger Le Voir, with Ann Walsh's Young People's team, this perennial favourite, being the celebration of the Jurassic Coast, lived up to its reputation. Displays of minerals and fossils with experts on hand, the usual geology walk & plenty of activities. With 89 youngsters visiting, we think we broke previous records.

The Dr. Bob Symes Room

One room in the Museum is devoted to geology and archaeology with new graphical representation of the 240 million years of Sidmouth's prehistory. Previously known as the "Land and Man", it has now been re-named "The Dr Bob Symes, OBE Room". At a small gathering to mark this event, the Museum Chairman, Nigel Hyman, described Bob as very much a polymath with many other interests in addition to geology, including the arts and sciences, all of which have contributed to his vision of the Museum. All those who have been connected, both now and in the past, with the Museum have benefitted from his encouragement and advice. We all feel included and part of a team. Bob unveiled the plaque, made appropriately from Cornish slate. He described his work since 2001, and his pleasure at seeing the gradual increase in visitor numbers and the place of the Museum as one of the town's main visitor attractions. Although he has had other interests in the town, the Museum has always had a very special place. He describes it as his "shed".



During the evening, Bob announced that he had now made the decision to become emeritus curator. Those attending felt his continued advice would always be highly valued. An article detailing Bob's time as curator will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

By the time this is issued, the Museum will be closed for the winter (apart from our Late Night Shopping). All the volunteers will then be working hard to set up for 2016. As you all know, the purchase of the upper floors of Trumps will give us

extra storage space. It will also provide valuable space to have a proper research facility. All the displays will remain in the Museum.

Volunteers needed

There are many operations of the Museum in which to get involved. We are currently looking for people to help with the Young People's area, the Collections Management and Publicity & Marketing. Please contact any of the Committee, or leave a message on 01395 516139.

Late Night Shopping

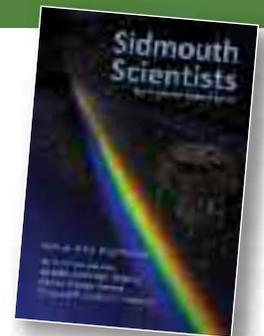
The Museum will be open between 4pm and 8pm on Friday, 4th December. The shop will be well stocked with books as well as unusual & varied items for presents. Don't forget the SVA calendar!

Hilary Briers

SVA Publications

Sidmouth Scientists

This new book celebrates the contributions to science of four Fellows of the Royal Society who lived in Sidmouth: astronomer Norman Lockyer, Ambrose Fleming inventor of the radio valve, Sidney Brown who designed radio equipment and loudspeakers and Frederick Lindemann who played a large part in the development of radar during World War II. £2.



The 2016 Sid Vale Calendar

Our calendar, sold in aid of the Sidmouth Landscape Fund for the conservation of the unspoiled Sid Vale countryside for future generations to enjoy, contains 14 stunning new pictures by local photographers. Complete with envelope for posting. £5.25.

Coming Soon – A new edition of the best-selling *Sidmouth: A History* with a chapter on the early years of the Millennium and colour photos replacing many of the black and white illustrations of the previous editions.



Online Sales

When the Museum is closed, many of the SVA's publications are now available to buy online from our website

www.sidvaleassociation.org.uk

Sidmouth Arboretum

In support of the **Walking Festival**, **Sidmouth Arboretum** organised two walks – one led by Hugh Angus in Sidmouth and one by Kevin Croucher in Sidbury. Hugh has a loyal following for his guided walks undertaken on behalf of Sidmouth Arboretum over the last five years. We walk at a leisurely pace and stop every so often to listen to Hugh, who has a lively story to tell about a great many trees! Hugh's walk centred on Connaught Gardens, with an exploration of the lower slopes of Peak Hill. We learn something new each time and ask questions about flowers, fruit, or bark as well as pests and diseases. These last – pests and diseases – have taken on a new relevance as a result of the valley wide **Tree Survey** that a team of volunteers completed last year. The data – from the iTree model supplied by Treeconomics – has begun to be analysed, though there is more that could be extracted when we all have time! A short report (part funded by the AONB Sustainable Development Fund) will be available from 14 October. One of the first results is the list of tree species which are most numerous, and a comparison of their leaf area, which signifies their importance on a number of factors.

Tree species	% population	% leaf area	Importance
Douglas fir	14.6	18.2	32.7
Larch	19.6	10.5	30.1
Ash	10.7	18.0	28.7
Silver birch	8.9	6.5	15.4
Beech	6.0	8.7	14.7

The trouble with this is explained by **Hugh Angus**: “There is a large proportion of Common Ash, 10.7%, and these are liable to be lost to Ash Dieback over the next decade. It is caused by the fungus *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*. Larch is also susceptible to *Phytophthora ramorum* a fungal disease killing extensive areas of larch across the country. Loss of these two species would see an overall reduction in tree composition of around 30%. This would reduce the overall tree cover from the current 23.2% to around 16%. A very significant reduction with potential serious consequences. At this stage there is a high probability that this is going to happen.”

Kevin Croucher is a new recruit to Sidmouth Arboretum events and he led a Walking Festival stroll around Sidbury. I first met Kevin some 20 years ago when he was establishing Thornhayes Nursery (www.thornhayes-nursery.co.uk) at Dulford. I was interested in hawthorns and the catalogue now lists 13 different hawthorn trees, in addition to a wide range of fruiting and ornamental trees. There are three different hawthorns growing on private land right by the lower bridge in Sidbury. The Sidmouth civic Arboretum has been running now for five

years, though only 3 years since it was formed into an association. It is the first civic arboretum in the world, or so we claim! A civic arboretum covers all the land, both private and public, within a civic area – in our case that is Sidmouth Town Council. The Arboretum is established as a regular contributor to events such as Science Festival



Kevin Croucher from Thornhayes Nursery leading a tree walk in Sidbury on behalf of the Arboretum, during the Walking Festival

and Walking Festival, and the Tree Trail leaflets are appreciated by visitors. We have much to do to increase our planting schedule and develop our work with the community. In particular we will try to encourage maintenance of existing planting by neighbours of the trees. This maintenance will become increasingly important as the budgets of District and County are cut back significantly. Many thanks to the Keith Owen Fund for tremendous support since the very beginning.

Our Treasurer Cllr. John Dyson is leaving, due to having taken on more onerous roles, and we would welcome enquiries from anyone who might be

interested in taking over as Treasurer at our AGM in January 2016.

Diana East



The group listening to Tony, gardener at Belmont Hotel's private back garden.

APPEAL

We need your generous support to plan the future

The Sid Vale Association was formed in 1846 to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the landscape and amenities of the Sid Valley. All its activities, including those of the Museum, are managed and carried out entirely by a large number of volunteers from among over 2,300 SVA members.

Amongst many diverse activities, all associated with generating public interest and knowledge of the Valley, the SVA owns over 40 acres of land which is maintained for the benefit of the public. Another major function is the ownership, funding and operation of the Sidmouth Museum

The Museum is now nationally accredited and has visitor numbers of over 13,000 a year, up from about 5,000 five years ago. We carry out a great deal of research for exhibitions in the Museum and to support the publication of books and pamphlets about the area. Our collection of items has grown enormously, and less than a quarter can be displayed at any one time. Space for the collected items, space for research, and space for meetings is now very inadequate.

Moreover the SVA has no permanent base from which to operate. We have many committees which meet regularly to manage our activities, including that of the Keith Owen Fund which we have used to support dozens of organisations and initiatives in the Valley. This hampers our effectiveness and we believe that the time has come to rectify this to enable us to manage our huge range of activities better.

We need further space. This must be in the town centre.

We have decided that we can solve the problem by acquiring a two storey property in the former Trumps in Fore Street. This is close to the Museum, is in a building eminently appropriate for the Association, and has sufficient space to cater for our needs now and for the foreseeable future. This will cost over £200,000 and although we have access to some capital funds built up through legacies and donations, we do need to find other sources of funding. We cannot use the Keith Owen Fund because of the conditions of the Trust.

We are hopeful that we can raise money for this exciting venture in additional ways, through Grants, Fundraising Activities, and through a **public appeal**. We are providing a donation form in the hope that you might wish to donate. In doing so you can be assured that your money will be contributing to the long term future of the SVA and the town's Museum.

At time of writing, the project is making good progress. If, however, for any reason, the project cannot be successfully finalised, funds raised would:

A be used solely in furtherance of our aim to improve: (1) the museum's facilities for display, research, and storage, as indicated above; and (2) if compatible with (1), the accommodation to enable the Association to discharge its functions more effectively. **OR B** returned to donors on request.

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Association plans to increase the level of its subscriptions, significantly so in the case of life membership, and I should explain why. The short answer is that our subscription income is falling many thousands of pounds short of covering our routine expenditure. We are only kept afloat by legacies, which vary greatly in amount year by year, and we clearly cannot rely on unknown future legacies.

Our plans to acquire the property at Trumps, which will have both capital and annual costs, has made us look closely at our Association, its finances, and the wealth of services and facilities we offer to the public, both residents and visitors. Most of these are free to all: our land north of the Byes at Margaret's Meadow, Gilchrist Field, and Livonia Field, that on Salcombe Hill at James Cornish Field and Coombe Head Wood, and that at Peaslands Knapp; and, of course, the museum. Both the museum and our land are expensive to maintain: over the two years 2013 and 2014 the Association transferred over £30,000 into the museum account to meet its shortfall; in the same period, the Woodlands and Estates, which generates no income, had expenditure of over £16,000, but fortunately the terms of the Keith Owen Fund allow us to meet that cost.

Meanwhile, income from subscriptions for the same two years totalled less than £4000, which did not even cover the cost of providing two newsletters a year, plus our annual report, to over two thousand members!

The Keith Owen Fund has enabled us to make grants of over £600,000 over the past few years to a host of organisations in the valley, but we cannot touch a penny of the capital, and the interest, or dividends, is restricted to those things which come within our constitution and are in line with Keith's wishes, and that specifically excludes running costs. All we provide is thanks to the efforts of dozens of willing volunteers – no one receives payment.

As I say, we have decided to try to increase our annual income by raising our annual subscription by £3. With life membership now significantly more expensive we foresee having a greater proportion of annual members, and, by demonstrating just how valuable the SVA is to the whole area, we hope to persuade hundreds more to join us, with the aim of preserving the heritage of the Sid Valley and the Association itself for decades to come.

Torbay Civic Society currently charges £10 for annual membership and £15 for a couple, and they do not run a museum, and do not own land. I think that shows that the SVA offers, and will continue to offer, excellent value for money, and I do ask you to continue to support us, and to encourage others to do likewise.

Imagine what the Valley would lose without us!

IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A MEMBER OF THE SVA, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN NOW

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

By cheque or cash – or cheaper by standing order!

		Outside the Sid Valley including postage		Within the Sid Valley	
		Cheque/cash	Standing order	Cheque/cash	Standing order
ANNUAL MEMBER	an individual	£12	£10	£10	£8
	2 at same address	£18	£16	£16	£14
LIFE MEMBER	an individual	£120	-	£100	-
	2 at same address	£180	-	£160	-

Manor Pavilion Talks

It has been decided, with regret, to increase the entrance charge for our talks at the Manor Pavilion from £2 to £3 from January 2016, as the cost of hire has gone up over 30% in the past three years. The rise will bring us in line with the National Trust.

Local History – Using Parish Records

In July, I floated the idea that researching local parish records might be a means to 'unearth something of the Sid Valley's history'. Of the two enquiries I was following up at that time, I had a helpful response from one. However, since then, a Mr Burnett responded to the article I wrote to say he had copies of most or all of the records for our local parishes, and he might be able to help. I have since met Mr Burnett, whose archive, and knowledge of the records, would be of great assistance to any work we might do. Others have also shown interest in the idea, so please contact me if you wish to learn what might be involved, and I will arrange a meeting to flesh out the idea.

I would suggest that any project should start on a modest scale, perhaps concentrating on just one parish, and possibly looking at records from, say, 1800, when they are more easily deciphered. Should anyone later become super confident, the records of Elizabethan and Stuart eras would be handwritten, and in the very different script that was used in those times. That could rank with Bletchley Park code breaking!

Alan Darrant

Membership Application Form

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Please send completed form, with payment if applicable, to The Membership Secretary (SVA)
67 Malden Road, Sidmouth EX10 9LZ

I/We wish to become Members of the Sid Vale Association

Title Surname (BLOCK LETTERS please)

First name(s)

Second member

Address

Post Code Phone

E-Mail Address

EITHER I/We enclose my/our Annual/Life Membership subscription of £
Please make cheques payable to *The Sid Vale Association*

OR To The Manager Bank
Please set up the following Standing Order from my/our account

Name(s) of account

Sort Code - - Account Number

Recipient Sid Vale Association

Recipient's Bank CAF Bank (Charities Aid Foundation)

25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Sort Code 40 - 52 - 40 Account Number 00016416

Please pay the sum of £ First payment date

Regular payment date 1st January, yearly until further notice

Signature Date

GIFT AID SCHEME

I wish to make payments under the Gift Aid Scheme. I want the Charity to treat as Gift Aid ALL donations and subscriptions I make to the Association, from the date of this declaration, until I notify you otherwise. I confirm that I pay an annual amount of Income Tax which is not less than the amount of tax which may be redeemed by the Sid Vale Association.

Signature Date

Area Date Receipt Memb.Card WG NMM GA

Help us – and make new friends at the same time!

I/We will be happy to help (as and when available), and would like more information about one (or more) of the following: (Please ✓)

- Membership** Local delivery of newsletters to members
- Newsletter** Writing articles and editorial
- Museum** Stewards Archivists Computer Operators
 Administration Shop
- Meetings Team** Planning Setting up in the Manor Theatre
- IT Presentations** Powerpoint presentations
- Website** Updating of content Technical management
- Social Activities** Planning for social events
- Excursions** Planning
- Walkers** Monthly walks in East Devon
- Youth work** Contact with schools and young people
- Keith Owen Fund** Grants to community projects Investment planning
- Footpaths** Monitoring and maintaining access on country paths
- River Patrol** Monitoring rivers and streams
- Woodlands and Estates** 'Hands-on' managing grass, hedging, trees, wild-life
- Conservation and Planning Team** Monitoring planning applications



SVA Activities you can join in with include bramble-bashing, Museum walks, apple pressing, river maintenance, conservation projects, bulb planting...

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Sid Vale 2017 Calendar Photo Competition

The Sid Vale Calendar is produced each year to raise money for the Sidmouth Landscape Fund, formed jointly in 1986 by the Sid Vale Association and the National Trust, for the conservation of the Sid Valley countryside, to ensure that it remains unspoilt for future generations to enjoy. The Fund has contributed to the acquisition of land such as Peaslands Knapp, Margaret's Meadow and General Hunt's Pond.

We are looking for photos of Sidmouth, Salcombe Regis or the Sid Valley with that **WOW FACTOR!** If you would like to have one or more of your photos considered for inclusion, please submit them by email to ejw01@talktalk.net or on a cd to:

Landscape Calendar 2017, Sidmouth Museum, Hope Cottage, Church Street, Sidmouth EX10 8LY. Please include your name, address, phone number, and email address if you have one. The photos should be jpeg or tiff files suitable for printing at A4 size, which means they should be a minimum of 2,400x1,700 pixels and preferably 3,400x2,550 or more to allow for cropping. **Please note, entries are limited to three photos per person.**

The 14 chosen entries will win a copy of the Calendar and everyone submitting a photograph for consideration will be entitled to order copies at a reduced rate.

The closing date for entries is 30th November 2015 so that the Calendar can go

on sale at Easter next year, to give visitors a chance to buy this unique souvenir of their holiday right through the summer season.

Please note that copyright on the photos remains with the photographer. By entering the competition you are only giving the SVA permission to print the photos in the Calendar and use them to promote it in adverts etc, and not for any other use.

Keith Owen Fund Update

2015 has been another busy year for the Keith Owen Fund with growing awareness and submissions for grants.

By October 35 applications had been considered and 23 of these approved.

Around £47,000 in grants has been agreed with an additional £25,000 to support further bulb planting.

Since the Fund's inception a total of £645,000 has benefited local projects and organisations since 2008.

Grant applications that have received support recently include £750 for a Ten Tors tent for Sidmouth College and funding for Sidmouth AFC's extension to its club house of 80 per cent or up to a maximum of £20,000.

Sidmouth Science Festival, which took place again in October, also received support.



Sidford Wildlife Garden, planted by children earlier this year.



The Keith Owen Fund provide a third of the sponsorship for the free Hopper Bus, which again proved extremely popular with town residents and visitors. This year it celebrated the 15,000th passenger, since the service began. Here SVA president Handel Bennett presents Sidmouth resident Mary Buckley with a bouquet. Mary uses it on a daily basis for shopping, and chatting to visitors! Also in the picture Cllr John Dyson (organiser) and Carol Lockton (driver).

Funding criteria is available to view online at:

<http://www.sidvaleassociation.org.uk/index.php?page=keith-owen-fund>

Chris Woodruff from the Keith Owen Fund says time can be saved if people want to discuss things before sending in an application:

"It's always worth having a chat first. It can save time and iron out any misunderstandings about the criteria for funding."



Photo: Sidmouth Herald

If you would like to discuss a submission but want to check it's in line with criteria you should email Liz Warren at ejw01@talktalk.net. She can link you up with a member of the Keith Owen Fund committee who have a range of backgrounds and skills.

SVA Chairman Alan Darrant handing over a cheque to Dr. Duncan Hall towards the cost of landscaping and trees at Beacon Medical Centre.

WINE MERCHANT – TRUMP – FAMILY GROCER



Account Book 1868-1869

Entries for January 1869



years conducted by their father, respectfully solicit the patronage of the Nobility, Clergy, Gentry and Inhabitants of Sidmouth, and the neighbourhood.” The wording neatly reflects the ranking of the social orders. There were clearly problems in the new succession as only a year later in the same journal William advised that the business was now in his

As members know, part of the two-storey building above the Trump store has been purchased for the dual purpose of providing an headquarters and meeting room for the Sid Vale Association as well as an outreach for the Museum, specifically a newspaper, library and study area as well as a depository for some of the Museum’s extensive collection. Now is the opportunity to look back at the history of this once famous Sidmouth landmark.

In 1813 the present building, Cosmopolitan House, was built on the west side of Fore Street. Richard Stone and William Gove established the business (Stone and Gove Grocer) the same year. William’s daughter Sarah married John Trump and in 1836 he took over the business and gave it his name. Sidmouth was now establishing a thriving carriage trade for the gentry and middle classes. Successful businesses included Trump and also the drapers, Hall and Gale in Market Square (the precursors of Field); Potbury, cabinet makers in High Street and Hayman, lace makers in Old Fore Street. An 1869 Trump’s accounts page for this period is illustrated and shows some of the produce on sale. Our archives have a daguerreotype of Sarah. John decided to pass the business to his two sons in 1876; this decision may have been due to the death of Sarah that same year. The Sidmouth Journal reported: “William and John on succeeding to the Grocery and Wine and Spirit Business, so many



Sarah Trump, probably before 1860

name only “by mutual arrangement”. In the late 1870’s William established a bakery in Old Fore Street, adjacent to Cosmopolitan House, on the New Street side. He was to become a prominent local citizen including Chairman of the Council. Anna Sutton in “A Story of Sidmouth” remembers back to her early childhood and describes William in old age as “...a fine genial man, with side whiskers, appearing in his doorway with gold watch chain stretched across his imposing figure.”

In 1904, the store itself was renovated. On one side was the provision counter with white marble slabs, art tiles and polished brass work. The opposite side of the room had glass cases, mirrors and handsome tea-canisters; these had a decorative design of a copy of the gold medal for tea-blending won at the Royal Agricultural Hall in London and a source of great pride. The tradition continued of seats for the customers at the counters. At the back of the shop was the cash desk with an overhead “cash railway” on a cable connected to the different counters. The account and money in a metal capsule sped from counter to cash desk and sped back with change and a stamped account; a source of constant delight to children. Mahogany wall panels added to the stylish appearance. At the rear of the store coffee beans were roasted, tea was mixed and wine was bottled from large barrels. A passage connected the store to Old Fore Street where carts were loaded and unloaded which allowed easier access for customer carriages at the Fore Street entrance). A walk down Old Fore Street would have included a heady aroma of wine, coffee, tea and bread as well as horse dung.

A sales price list from 1907 includes a message from William Trump exhorting customers to use his store rather than a London equivalent.



The first quarter of the 20th century represented the golden age for the firm. In 1910 High Hall, a mid-Victorian building on Fore Street and adjacent to Kings Lane, became Trump’s Café on its first and second floors; the ground floor was a cake and sweet shop. On the side of High Hall fronting Dove lane was

High Hall



Rear of store in Old Fore Street. The Bakery was adjacent building on right



Price List 1907

Message from William Trump (note opening hours)



Trump's Winter Gardens, a large room with a glass roof. It was popular for dances and music recitals and was frequently used for staff events. Have a look at the building now and its shabby appearance is in sharp contrast to a century ago.

Edwin Gove Trump, William's son and known as EG, was now in charge and organised the centenary celebrations in the Winter Gardens in February 1914. If one was being pernickety it could be argued that the centenary should have been the year before or even delayed until 1936 as it was in 1836 when the store was first named Trump. However EG's great-grandfather was William Gove the co-founder in December 1813, hence his second name. No doubt it was felt that the 1913 Christmas festivities would have been a distraction.

During the Great War Trump was one of three Sidmouth stores that had news relayed by telegraph daily which was then written down and placed in the windows. The other two stores were Culverwell (printers) and Sanders (cabinet maker). In 1916 EG wrote to the Sidmouth Observer, saying that he had received a letter from a soldier serving with the 4th Devonshire Regiment (which included Sidmouthians) in Mesopotamia and he quoted him; *"This is an awful country! There are millions of flies and they bite like anything. We have a lot of bully beef and hard biscuits but no chocolate, fancy biscuits or tinned fruits."* EG said he would be sending necessary provisions. It is difficult to know whether the letter reflected patriotism or self-promotion.

A branch store had opened in Axminster before the war in 1910 and now in the inter-war period Ottery St Mary and Colyton opened in 1919 and Seaton and Beer in 1926.

A break with the past is reflected in a 1923 sale notice which indicated the decision to replace delivery horses with vans: *"A valuable six-year old black cart horse, a bay cob, two black ponies, all quiet and good workers, five crank axle floats, four-wheel spring trolley, four-wheel spring van with hood, smart well-built governess cart, pony governess cart, dog carts, four-wheel hand trolley, quantity of harness, two chaffcutters and root pulper."* Garages and storage were in

Trumps Yard in East Street. (These were demolished in 1983 and replaced with Trumps Court sheltered accommodation)

In 1926 the store was again modernised with a replaced mosaic floor and new electric lighting. In 1940 the Sidmouth Herald ran an article to inform readers that the store was to promote the novel idea of selling a range of peas, beans and strawberries. It was novel as the produce, called Birds Eye, had been *"frosted quickly and packed in special containers and can be consumed when thawed."*

In 1957 all the branch stores were sold off. In succeeding decades the growth of competition within the town and the rapid growth of supermarkets clearly affected business. It remained within the family until 1971 and subsequently changed hands on a number of occasions. A poignant reminder of the past occurred in 1975 when items were found in the Fore Street attic which included snuff scales, a brass hydrometer for measuring the specific gravity of whisky and the 1902 Gold Award for Tea blending. It is a pity they were not donated to the Museum.

A constant cause of confusion both in newspaper articles and indeed the signage itself was the name of the firm and the imaginative use of the apostrophe. Trump or Trumps or Trump's or Trumps'. It is safest to stay with Trump as written, at least at the moment, on the sign on the building.

In September 2014 the store finally closed after almost exactly two hundred years. The exterior now looks rather sad but we are hopeful that many of the interior fittings will be retained as a reminder of its famous history.

I am grateful to Rab & Christine Barnard for newspaper sources and to Peter Soper for library items, all from Museum archives.

Sidmouth: Yesterday's Shops by John Ankins is an important reference.

Nigel Hyman



Interior (2013)



Number 36 is entry to SVA building



Rhododendrons in bloom at Heligan

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Cornwall – China Clay and Spring Flowers

As a new venture for 2016, we are adding a Spring trip to our annual programme of Summer and Autumn departures. Below you will find the essential information.

Spring-time in Cornwall

The trip will depart Sidmouth on Wednesday, 6 April, 2016 at 8.30am from the usual pick up points, (plus Newton Poppleford).

We will visit the **Wheal Martyn China Clay Museum and Country Park** (near St. Austell). Included is a guided tour of the Historical Trail, and a walk to the observation platform to view a modern China Clay Mine.



Photo Wheal Martyn

Clay workers remembered at Wheal Martyn

We continue to the 'Lost Gardens of Heligan', where we are free to explore the partially restored Victorian garden; and walk along gravelled paths admiring spring-blooming rhododendrons, magnolias, camellias, and daffodils, planted 70 years ago, by men who died in WW1.

Restoration has been on-going for 25 years. There are well maintained gravel paths at both sites.



Full details and a booking form for our Cornwall Spring outing will be circulated by e-mail in January, to those who have already indicated an interest in receiving information. If you have not already done so, and wish to receive information, please e-mail us through our website:

www.sidvaleassociation.co.uk

Those who do not use e-mail, but have given us their address or telephone number, will receive a printed communication. Instead of our usual cream tea, on this occasion we will include a Cornish Pasty (meat or vegetarian) as a lunch snack!

Tour includes: Coach, entrance fees, guide at Wheal Martyn, Cornish pasty, Driver's gratuity. Cost £29.95. (Discounts for Heligan and Kew Annual pass holders).

TRAVEL EXPERIENCE?

Have you had the pleasure of being an excursion planner? There is now an opportunity to help arrange a small excursion programme. If you like making arrangements, or researching places of interest in the South-west, please contact Handel Bennett, 'phoning (01395 514211) or by e-mail: campsbay2@tiscali.co.uk



sid vale association



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with the view to taking over from him in due course.

The ideal person would have a background in accountancy or similar.

The Association now has stewardship of: • The General Fund
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• The Keith Owen Fund (an endowment).

An investment committee oversee the Keith Owen Fund under our Treasurer's chairmanship.

Please contact the Chairman or Treasurer for information.

Gardeners and Gardens of the Sid Valley

Large houses with parkland and gardens were built in Sidmouth, from the end of the eighteenth century to the middle nineteenth century. People could no longer do the Grand Tour as Great Britain was at war with France. They recognised the beauty of the Sid Valley with its mild climate and chose to build their retreats there. In the twentieth century some large residences were built. The earlier Regency houses were still there but they had become expensive to maintain and were too large. Some were adapted for other uses such as nursing homes, hotels or divided into flats while others were redeveloped.

Three generations of my family worked as gardeners in the Sid Valley. I also wanted to see if any historical features of the estate gardens remained. My great grandfather William Henry Morrish was Head gardener at Cotford House, Sidbury. "He lived in the square cottage with a white door, at the beginning of the lane to Lincombe". As told to me by my second cousin Miss Doris Pidgeon. Both these surnames are old Sidbury names, as mentioned in Anna Sutton's book.⁽¹⁾ William was a fit man and thought nothing of walking to Exeter and back in a day.⁽²⁾ He was born in 1854, in Ottery St Mary. He married Jessie Hull of Sidbury in 1882 and they had eight children.

Cotford is by the river Sid, where the Cotford Road becomes the A375. There is a small lodge on the east side of the A375 which is a remnant of the Cotford Estate and also a coach-house on the west side. This is the land occupied by Cotford House which was pulled down in 1933⁽³⁾ to make way for housing. Whites Directory of Devon says "Cotford House, the seat and property of W R Bayley, Esq, is a large and handsome mansion built in 1847, stands near the site of the

old house. The house stands in an extensive and well wooded lawn".⁽⁴⁾ The old Cotford House was "knocked down" by W R Bayley as it was unsuitable for him to live in. He built a large modern one as a replacement.⁽⁵⁾ It is possible to get an idea of the old Cotford House by looking at the tithe map of 1840⁽⁶⁾ and looking through the apportionments numbers. William Rutter Bayley Esquire owned a lot of land in Sidbury but he only occupied and used the apportionment numbers 217,219,222,224,697 and 440. This information suggests that the main house was on the west



Sidbury tithe map

side of the Roncombe/Honiton Road (now the A375). Unfortunately the tithe map appears to have been damaged at the area of Cotford. The two houses on the east side of the Roncombe/ Honiton road were occupied by James Cockburn, apportionment number 778 and John Snell, apportionment 777. The landowner of these two houses was Harriett Huyshe.

Another interesting feature on the tithe map at Cotford was the lawn and Pleasure Gardens, apportionment number 224, in the area just above the Roncombe Brook. This would suggest that the gardens were across the road from the house. The OS map of 1889 shows a large building close to the road on the east side of the Roncombe/Honiton Road. Later OS maps of 1960⁽⁷⁾ show the new housing developments of the 20th century on the site of the large house and it appears that the historical garden features of Cotford House have gone.

My grandfather Arthur Morrish, was born in Cotford in 1893 and was Head gardener to Colonel Balfour at Balfour Manor.⁽⁸⁾ He lived in the South Lodge of the Balfour Manor estate with his wife Gertrude Irene (née Wilson), my parents, my sister and I. We were born there in the early nineteen fifties. My grandfather's two brothers Mr Fred Morrish and Mr Bill Morrish were also gardeners before they became pub landlords, according to Doris Pidgeon. After Col Balfour died in 1953 the Manor was sold and became a private girls' school in the 1960s, called West Bank. In the late 1970s the Manor was sold again. Today the Manor and parkland remain. The building is now divided into smaller residences with additional housing. Today's parkland and gardens appear very similar to those seen on the 1889 OS Map. One gardening legacy of Colonel Balfour, is the avenue of Yew trees at St Francis Church, Woolbrook.⁽⁹⁾ Colonel Balfour commissioned the church and its grounds in 1929 and my grandfather Arthur Morrish planted the trees.



Avenue of clipped yew trees along the pathway to St Francis Church

My father Norman Victor Morrish, was a gardener in Sidmouth. He worked on Sundays when he was a young man in the late 1930's collecting entrance fees to The Knowle grounds in Station Road. The 1840 tithe map⁽⁶⁾ shows several garden features including the Kangaroo garden, apportionment number 566. Mr Fish was the owner-occupier. White's Directory (1850) describes "the delightful marine villa surrounded by 11 acres of ground divided into lawns, gardens and conservatories. Fine



Entrance to Glen Close, Glen Road

specimens of foreign birds and animals, open every Monday afternoon from July to October".⁽⁴⁾ The Knowle became a hotel in 1882 and in 1960 became the headquarters of Sidmouth Urban District Council, later to become the East Devon District Council. Today its future is uncertain as the site has been sold for development. The shell grotto of the early nineteenth century is now in the grounds of a property in Knowle Drive, as some of The Knowle land was sold in 1887.⁽¹⁾

My father also worked for Lady Berkeley Levett at Cottington. Cottington was Sidmouth's oldest house. It was an ancient seat and was shown on 1794 maps as Liberty Hall. Later it reverted to its former name of Cottington. The house fell into disrepair and was demolished in 1959. Today the site is occupied by blocks of flats called Cottington Court. In 1973 some of the old trees were still in the grounds.⁽¹⁾ On the 1840 tithe map, Cottington is shown with large lawns, apportionments 581, 587,584,562,561.⁽⁶⁾

After World War 2 he worked for Mrs Holcroft at Glen Close House, Glen Road. I remember seeing him cutting the hedge at the main entrance to the house, in the 1950s when I was about five years old. Glen Close House is not shown on the 1840 tithe map. It is not on the 1889 OS but is on the 1933 OS map, which shows a large house and lawns in the triangle of land between Cunninghams Lane and Glen Road. The gardens of Glen Close were built on after the 1950s and I don't know if the main house remains. The curved hedges at the entrance remain.⁽⁹⁾

My father's father-in-law was also a gardener. He was called George Wilson and he had the nick-name 'Coco' Wilson. He lived in Newtown, Sidmouth in Archway cottage.⁽¹⁰⁾ He married twice. He was Head gardener to Lady Lockyer, at her house in Brownlands, Salcombe Hill. This was built in 1910. 'Coco' Wilson was renowned for growing prize giant chrysanthemums. 'Coco's' son, also named George Wilson was a gardener too. I remember there being a zoo at Brownlands in the 1950s. The house which had a long drive up from Sid Road through grass meadows, became a hotel in the 1980s⁽¹¹⁾ and later reverted back to a private residence. The house remains the same today. The grounds were developed for housing in the 1990s.

In 1953 we moved to Lymebourne Park. This is a council estate of houses, bungalows and flats built in the grounds of Lime Park, a Regency House. Many features of this Regency estate can be seen today. I have studied this site in a previous SVA newsletter.⁽¹²⁾ I can also remember the slate-roofed flint-covered

storage shed, in the back-garden of number 10 Lymebourne Park and a portion of the estate's old flint covered wall in our back garden at number 9. The giant tree on the mansion's lawn is a fashionable Monterey Pine. The steep sided Woolbrook Glen, which runs along the property's north eastern boundary, is contained within a wood as seen on the 1840 Tithe Map with apportionment number 335. Today there is still a row of mature beech trees. One of my uncles remembers a track, running from Livonia bridge along the top bank of the Woolbrook Glen.

From this study I have found that the garden features of many of the large period houses in the Sid Valley were lost, when the houses were demolished and the estate gardens built on. Several of the garden features remain at Lymebourne Park, the Knowle and Balfour Manor. The common thread is that the building was not demolished. In the case of Lymebourne Park the new land owner, Sidmouth Urban District Council, preserved the garden features as the new buildings were laid out in a sympathetic manner. This gave each building style, its own space and identity.

Norma Cox (née Morrish)

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Fancy Writing an Article?

We welcome any article that has a relevance to the Sid Valley area and may interest our members. The maximum word count is about 800 words and accompanying digital pictures are much appreciated.

This newsletter is published twice a year in July & November and articles are required two months prior to publication. We cannot guarantee that all articles submitted will be published.

Send your articles to David Lloyd: lloydavidjohn@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 28th October – Museum Big Draw Day

Under the guidance of our local artist, Margaret Adams, help paint a picture.
All ages.

Saturday 31st October – Museum closes for the winter

Tuesday November 3rd 10am – Countryside Walk

Meet at: White Bridge Grid Ref: SY 076 830. Leader: Liz. Tel: 01395 514690

Wednesday 11th November 2.30pm – SVA Meeting – Manor Pavilion Theatre

Speaker: Robert Hesketh, local historian: 'Devon Ghosts'.

Tuesday December 1st 10am – Countryside Walk

Meet at: East Budleigh Hayes Lane carpark. Grid Ref: SY 065 848
Leader: William. Tel: 01395 515780. After the walk please stay for lunch at the
Walter Raleigh pub. Non-walking friends and relatives are welcome to join us.

Friday December 4th – Museum open 4-8pm

Late night shopping day in Sidmouth – don't forget to call in at the Museum for
your calendars, books and a great range of stocking fillers.

Tuesday January 5th 2016 10am

Meet at: Roadside parking at Stantyway Farm next to Otterton Recreation field.
Grid Ref: SY 089 848. Leaders: Jackie and Roger. Tel: 01395 577651

Wednesday 13th January 2.30pm – SVA Meeting – Manor Pavilion Theatre

Speaker: Bill Horner, County archaeologist (DCC): 'The Romans in East Devon'

Tuesday February 2nd 10am – Countryside Walk

Meet at: Near junction of Bickwell Valley and Boughmore Road. Onstreet parking
or walk there. Leader: Phil. Tel: 01395 512339

Wednesday 10th February 2.30pm – SVA Meeting – Manor Pavilion Theatre

Speaker: Rab & Christine Raby, Sidmouth Museum: 'Smuggling in the Sid Valley'

March 1st 10am – Countryside Walk

Meet at: Knapp Copse. Grid Ref: SY 155 957. Leader: Graham. Tel: 01395 445872

Wednesday 9th March 2.30pm – SVA Meeting – Manor Pavilion Theatre

Speaker: Dr. Rosalind Leveridge: 'History of Cinema in Sidmouth, Part 2'

Tuesday April 5th 10am – Countryside Walk

Meet at: Colaton Raleigh church. Park on road. Grid Ref: SY 082 873
Leader: Liz Tel: 01395 514690

Wednesday April 9th SVA excursion Spring in Cornwall.

Visiting historical Wheal Martyn and Lost Gardens of Heligan. For full details and
booking form e-mail: info@sidvaleassociation requesting 'Spring in Cornwall'.
Or telephone (01395) 514211, and leave your request, full address and postcode.

Wednesday 27th April 2.30pm – Manor Pavilion Theatre

Sid Vale Association Annual General Meeting, and Election of Officers.