

THE SIGNAL

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Thoughts from our A.G.M.

ALTHOUGH we would have dearly wished more of our readers to have attended, those who were there came forward with several suggestions regarding how the presentation and content of the 'Signal' could be improved. This is the gist of what they said.

Approval in general was given to the progress made by 'Signal' but reservations were voiced on the following scores:

1. Concern was expressed regarding the quality of reproduction and, for great clarity, it was recommended that, in future, only white paper be used.
2. Some articles were thought to be too long and too academic. They read as if they had been copied from books.
3. Articles should not be greater in length than 350-400 words.
4. Consideration should be given to the reproduction of good articles from past editions.
5. There should be regular monthly articles on Gardening and Cookery.
6. Correspondents in each of the villages covered by 'Signal' should be encouraged to report monthly to the editors.
7. In order to encourage contributions from children it was recommended that approaches be made to the head teachers in the schools of Norton Canon and Staunton to suggest that they submit selected

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school work from pupils for reproduction in the news letter. It was thought that there would be the added bonus here of giving encouragement to the child.

8. Concern was expressed at a solitary example of bad language. This should be avoided in future especially if children are to be encouraged to contribute.

Do you think that these points are a fair reflection of your own views? If you disagree - or wish to add other thoughts of your own - please write to us. We would be only too pleased to hear from you.

CRIME PREVENTION

A Crime Prevention campaign was launched by the West Mercia Constabulary in the Leominster area on 11th February. It has already been advertised in the Press and on T.V., as a 'Magpie' campaign due to its feature of a magpie as its theme.

As part of the police effort in this campaign posters and leaflets are being circulated in the area. It is the police view that such preventive measures, coupled with an increased public awareness, vigilance and mutual co-operation, can do nothing but good in the combined battle against crime, and particularly house burglaries.

Should any reader require advice, or a supply of leaflets, or require further information concerning Neighbourhood Watch schemes, or are interested in becoming a member of the special Constabulary, please do not hesitate to contact your local Police Station.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE PLAY GROUP

The Committee of Staunton-on-Wye Play Group would like to take the opportunity of thanking everyone who helped to organise and support our Spring Fayre event on Saturday, 19th April which made £142.00 after expenses.

If an editor can only make people angry enough they will write half his newspaper for him for nothing.

G.K.Chesterton

BREAD NOT BOMBS WEEK - 21st to 28th June 1986

(Oxfam and Campaign Against the Arms Trade)

Monsignor Bruce Kent will be speaking on the subject of 'World Poverty and The Arms Trade' at a public meeting organised by Hereford Oxfam Hungry for Change group at the Shire Hall, Hereford at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th June. All are welcome.

Earlier in the evening, at 6 p.m. a supper will be served at which Bruce Kent will be present. Tickets for the supper are £3 each, profits to Oxfam, and can be obtained from the Hereford Bookseller, High Town, Hereford, or by post from O. Bennewith, 3 Wetherby Drive, Hereford, HR4 9TL (s.a.e. please, cheques made payable to 'Hungry for Change.')

It must surely be a matter of concern to Christians that, at a time when millions die annually of malnutrition, world military expenditure equals the entire collective income of the poorest half of the world's population. This must particularly concern us when we realise that world food production is adequate to provide for everyone.

For further information, contact: O. Bennewith, 3 Wetherby Drive, Hereford. Tel: Hereford 275954

One of the pleasures of reading old letters is the knowledge that they need no answer.

Byron

NORTON CANON LADIES' SOCIAL CLUB

IT might have been the R.A.F. summer fair on the evening of 13th May when the Ladies' Club met at Credenhill R.A.F. station: more cars and more members than ever before arrived at the Catering Section of the camp. So many, in fact, that Flt. Sgt. 'Fred' Green had to move us into a larger section of the palatial kitchens so that all could see and admire his handiwork.

I can only compare his presentation to that of Paul Daniels. It was sheer magic to see an almost living rose created by those deft fingers from tiny icing sugar rolls. The delicate leaves too, pressed from moulds were perfect down to the finest veins. Rose and leaves were then sprayed separately with life-like colour and placed on the cakes which we had watched being almond-iced, royal iced and decorated. (In fact three cakes were used so that the whole process could be demonstrated in one evening.)

We then had a break for tea and cream cakes, kindly served by Mrs. Green. This gave us a chance to look more closely at Fred's handiwork - by this time we were on Christian name terms - especially a selection of life-size fruit and flowers, sculptured, that's the only word, from icing sugar.

At the end of the evening it was hard to believe that we had spent more than two hours in the kitchen, quite enthralled by Fred's skill and humour. Mavis Stevenson proposed the vote of thanks for the demonstration and also one to Pat Shaw for arranging this successful outing.

Next month we expect to hold a picnic by Bulmer's lake at 8 p.m. on Monday, 9th June. It would be a good idea to bring a garden chair as well as a plate of 'picnic nosh' and your chosen drink. Glasses will be provided and for dessert we shall have the delicious cake given to us by Sgt. 'Fred.' The larger cake which we saw completely finished is to be raffled (in aid of 'Sportaid') and tickets will be sold at the meeting as well as at Norton Canon and Moorhampton Post Offices.

HELP YOURSELF TO HEALTH - EARDISLEY

On Wednesday, 7th May, Help Yourself to Health held their last meeting, when James Smith, dentist in Weobley, gave an extremely interesting talk.

He explained how we could best care for our teeth, and the possible treatments available.

Although that was the last meeting of the Group, there will be a follow-up programme included in the Kington Festival fortnight between 17th and 28th June. Programmes will be soon available from newsagents in Kington.

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COFFEE EVENING

in aid of St. Mary's Church, Staunton-on-Wye

THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 7.30-9P.M.

AT OAKCHURCH HOUSE, STAUNTON-ON-WYE
(by kind invitation of His Honour Judge and Mrs R.Hillard)

ENTRANCE 50 PENCE (INCLUDING COFFEE)

RAFFLE 10 PENCE FOR BOTTLE CHAMPAGNE

Anything saleable will be welcomed, i.e.:-

- Books
- China
- Plants

- Garden Produce
- Knitting
- Crochet

● Items for Nearly New Stall, etc.

Please send contributions to:-

Mrs Cathie Collingwood
Trisanna, Staunton-on-Wye
(Opposite School)

BIRTHDAYS

OUR APOLOGIES TO CHRISTOPHER DYER WHOSE BIRTHDAY WAS MENTIONED IN THE MAY ISSUE BUT NOT THAT IT WAS YOUR 18th. WE WISH YOU A BELATED 18th HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Norton Canon

Katie Barker	14th June
Adam Loxston	16th "
Rebecca Leighton	20th "
Rhys Evans	20th "
Louise Deem	22nd "
Deborah Lewis	23rd "

Moorhampton (Yarsop)

Andrew James	27th June
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Kimnersley

Nicholas Austin	15th June
Simon Bryan	21st "

Sarnesfield

Stuart Evans	5th June
Andrew Williams	15th "

Staunton-on-Wye

Tom Beach	10th June
Ricky Bradford	29th "
Rebecca Lewis	12th "
Catherine Stokes	20th "

Monnington-on-Wye

Lawrence Haddow	15th June
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A total of £175 was realised from a collection taken at the funeral at St. Mary's church, Staunton-on-Wye, of Mr Colin Jones. The collection was in aid of the churchyard fund. Grateful thanks to all who contributed.

COPIES OF 'SIGNAL'

'Signal' is available at 12p for each individual copy from:-

- Kinnersley Shop
- Moorhampton Stores
- Staunton P.O. and Stores
- The Old Corner House, Weobley
- Canon Motors, Norton Canon

Church Notices

JUNE

Sarnesfield

10.00am

8th Holy Communion

Norton Canon

9.00am

1st Holy Communion

8th Morning Prayer

15th Holy Communion

22nd Family Service

Staunton

11.00am

1st Holy Communion

8th Morning Prayer

15th Holy Communion

Byford

9.30am

1st Holy Communion

6.30pm

15th Evening Prayer

10.00am

22nd Family Service

Monnington

9.30am

8th Holy Communion

Letton

11.00am

8th Family Service

22nd Evening Prayer

Kinnersley

10.00am

1st Holy Communion

8th Mattins

15th Holy Communion

22nd Mattins

29th Family Service

OTHER EVENTS

June 7-9pm Coffee Evening at Oakchurch,
12th Staunton-on-Wye, by kind invitation
of Judge and Mrs R. Hillard.

16th 7.30pm Archdeacons Visitation for
Churchwardens - Weobley Parish
Church.

23rd 6.30 for 7pm Diocesan Synod.
(Agenda includes BEM and ARIC).
Ludlow School. Visitors welcome.

28th 10.30-4pm The Gospel of Peace?
Study day at Bishop Mascall Centre
with Fr. Gerry Hughes.
4-5.30pm Strawberries and Cream
Tea on the Vicarage lawn, Weobley.
7.30pm Kay Garlick's Early Music
Ensemble in Weobley Church.

29th 10.30am Group Service of Holy Communion at Monnington. We are invited to take a picnic lunch if the weather is suitable.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE AIR RIFLE CLUB

The air rifle club has just completed the latest season with mixed success, the 'B' team winning the 4th Division Shield in the North Hereford Air Gun League, while the 'A' team were less fortunate coming at the bottom of the first Division and were relegated to Division 2. The club had several members through to the semi-finals of the Junior League Cup with Ivan Bennett finishing 3rd and Ian Jenkins 4th. Jason Jenkins won the highest aggregate score in the 4th Division.

In Club events Ivan Bennett was successful in the club knockout cup with Jason Jenkins second. Malcolm Trumper had the highest aggregate score for the 'A' team with David Andrews runner up. For the 'B' team Jason Jenkins had the highest average score with Ivan Bennett a close second.

Trophies were presented at the Club's annual dinner on the 16th May. Next season will begin in September when new members will be very welcome. Details of the meeting will be in 'Signal' at a later date.

Alan Williams

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PATHFINDERS NEWSLETTER SPRING 1986

Many apologies for the lack of contact with the majority of members over the past few months, but a group of us have been working hard on producing the guide to walks in the parishes of Almeley, Kinnersley, and Letton and this is now printed and on sale at 90p per copy.

We had 200 copies printed and over a quarter have already been sold. We have also received the £30 grant promised by the Countryside Commission for producing this booklet.

The state of paths has continued to improve as the result of liaison between us and the County Council, and the old hoary chest-butt of AM5 (connecting Logaston Common to Almeley) has two new bridges and new stiles making it a positive joy to walk. Other bridges and stiles have also been erected and other problems are being investigated.

I had been asked to arrange a couple of films on walking and the Welsh border for February but I'm afraid I just didn't have the time. Instead I arranged to show them immediately after the A.G.M. held on Tuesday 13th May at Almeley Village School.

I am finding it more and more difficult to find the time to give to Pathfinders, and if anyone else would like to be coordinator I would be more than happy for them to do the job.

Andrew Johnson

CLASSIFIED ADS

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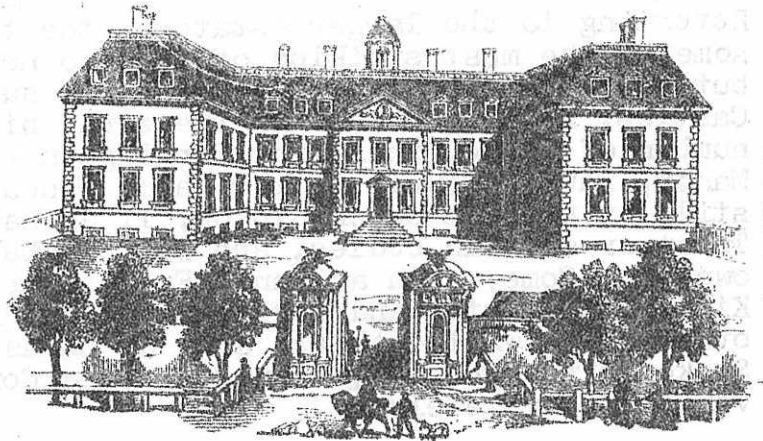
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Herefordshire's Stately Homes

by

M.B. COLLINGWOOD



'The country-house civilisation, with all its splendour and urbanity, and with all the beauty it created in the landscape, with its houses, parks, lakes, well-kept villages, and fine woods, reached its height in the eighteenth century, and the early nineteenth; and now it is nearly ended It was, nevertheless, a civilisation with great merits while it lasted, and by no means only material merits, and we have not yet found anything as good to put in its place, nor look like doing so for some considerable time to come.'

W.G. Hoskins, 'Midland England' 1949.

PROFESSOR Hoskins ascribes the decay of country house civilisation to the fact that 'it was created by one of the most unequal societies the world has ever seen, resting upon the concentration of great wealth in a few hands and on the poverty of the many, and such inequality is no longer seriously defended.' Although this is true to a certain extent there can be little doubt that the main cause of its demise is official policy in taxing the larger estates out of existence. This, of course, is the reason why so many of them have today become little more than museums open to a paying public or have been converted to offices or schools - or, quite often, completely demolished. Yet, in Herefordshire at least, a surprising number of them have survived intact and are, in some cases, still owned by the same family who originally built them.

The best known of these is probably Croft Castle, between Mortimer's Cross and Leominster which was built as far back as the late fourteenth century and is still inhabited by the Croft family although actually owned by the National Trust. Other mediaeval foundations which, at the time of writing, are still in private ownership include Fawley Court, Hampton Court, Homme House at Much Marcle and Treago Castle near St. Weonards. Most of the other mediaeval estates in the county still in private ownership are not so much 'stately homes' as large manor houses or farms, although some of them are of considerable size. Some of the best examples include Almeley Manor, Broadfield Court near Bodenham, Luntley Court, The Butthouse near King's Pyon, Cinders near Laysters, Monnington Court and The Ley near Weobley. Many of these - in particular The Ley - are among the finest examples of the 'black

and white' style so characteristic of Herefordshire.

Reverting to the larger estates - the true 'stately home' types - some of the most striking of them do not date from mediaeval times but from much later - in some cases, such as Eastnor and Downton Castles, from as recent as the early nineteenth century. A good number of these, including Berrington Hall, Eye Manor, Dinmore Manor, Fawley Court, Gatley Park, Moccas Court and Garnons, are still in private ownership or, if actually owned by the National Trust or similar bodies, are still inhabited by the original owners. Some, such as Canon Frome Court, Holme Lacy House, Kinnersley Castle and Pudleston Court, have been converted to other uses, while others, such as Garnstone Castle near Weobley, Stoke Edith Park, Tyberton Court and Foxley near Yazor have vanished completely.

In comparison with some other English counties Herefordshire has not fared too badly where country house survival is concerned, although most of the best examples still extant fall under the category of manor houses rather than country estates. Most of these are still in private ownership, carrying on their age-old tradition of farming and land husbandry. Long may they remain so.

In the next issue of 'Signal' I will give a detailed list of some of the most representative examples of Herefordshire country houses, with brief histories and descriptions. Some of these houses are open to the public on occasions and are well worth visiting as outstanding examples of a fast-vanishing life style.

(to be concluded)

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KINGTON FESTIVAL 1986

Health Fair

- Sun 15 June: FAMILY HEALTH FAIR
Recreation Ground, Kington 2-5pm
Have a 'Body MOT' and get important health information while you wait for the Offas Dyke runners to arrive! Fitness testing, natural health and other stalls.
- Mon 16 June: VEGETARIAN COOKERY DEMONSTRATION
Kington Junior School 8pm
Shirley Friend will demonstrate a range of delicious, low-cost meals for summer days.
- Tues 17 June: WOMENS HEALTH DAY
Kington Football Club 10am-3pm
Four one-hour informal sessions for women on diet, stress, cancer screening etc. Come to one or all the sessions! Ring Penny on Hereford 279583 for details.
- Weds 25 June: HELP YOURSELF TO HEALTH
Kington Junior School 8pm
An 'Any Questions' time on health. The panel includes a GP, Acupuncturist, Herbalist and Counsellor.
- Fri 27 June: SHOPPERS HEALTH FAIR
Kington Market Hall 10am-4pm
A second chance for a 'Body MOT' and some helpful advice on keeping fit and healthy.

READER'S LETTERS

I think the litter problem is becoming worse. It has now spread to this part of the country, which used to be so tidy. You see paper and tins thrown into the hedgerows.

I was horrified the other day when I visited Croft Castle, which belongs to the National Trust, to see rubbish pushed down by the side of the road leading to the house. It must have been dumped from a car.

Joan Close

After reading Rose Whalley's article 'Learning can be Fun,' particularly the part where she says 'it was interesting trying to decide which course other students were on' - I was reminded of something which happened to my husband and myself some years ago!

We were going for our first

interview at a Shropshire College of Adult Education, as we were considering taking over the walled gardens and running them organically to supply the college with fruit and vegetables. We were then living in Devon, so it was quite a long journey, and we arrived rather later than we intended. We were told that supper had started, and would we join the students in the dining room. There seemed to be quite a number, mostly men, and as they had started their meal and we were late, we had to sit at different tables. I was so exhausted and nervous, that I don't think I said much, but I did discover after a bit that it was a course for Wardens. They all seemed very serious! I wondered how my husband was getting on! Afterwards I asked him. 'Oh,' he said. 'No wonder we couldn't make each other out! I thought they were WARDERS!'

Joan Close

June in the Garden

I have been asked to express a few of my thoughts on gardening. At times I view it as 'that plot of ground in front of the cottage, overgrown with weeds, that requires some hard manual labour', at other times it can be a joy - when the weather is bright and everything is growing well.

This is the first time I have had a garden large enough to allow me to grow a wide variety of trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetables. When I tell friends that I took early retirement to move into the countryside they reply that I have merely changed my occupation. This is very true, as I spend far more time and use up as much, if not more energy tending my plants and gardening. I am still very much a novice and am learning all the time. Listening to gardening programmes on radio and television, reading gardening items in the press and in magazines and visiting nurseries can become a full-time occupation.

One of the pleasures of gardening is that there is no one method of succeeding, and it is very satisfying when you stumble across the answer to your problems.

One of the magazines I read suggests that in June I should be mowing lawns regularly, feeding and weeding the grass; dead head herbaceous plants that need it; lift and divide hardy primulas. Hardy annuals can still be planted to flower in the autumn; bedding plants planted out if not done so already; sow seeds of spring-flowering plants such as arabis, aubrieta, bellis, myosotis and polyanthus. Finish staking dahlias, stop early-flowering chrysanthemums; cut back early-flowering rock plants and take cuttings. Azaleas and rhododendrons should be dead headed. Take shrub cuttings; prune deutzias, philadelphus and syringa. Roses are likely to require spraying for aphids and black spot. Ornamental almonds, cherries and peaches can be pruned. There is an equally long list of jobs for the greenhouse, the vegetable plot and the fruit trees and bushes, so I will do the activity which gives me the greatest pleasure - just walking around the garden looking at the progress my plants are making and enjoying every new feature I see.

Looking at the many changes in the hedgerow as one species dies down to be replaced by a new batch of colour, I realise that this is precisely what I am trying to achieve. It may be that I should give up the unequal struggle against the elements, pests and diseases and leave it to nature but, alas, we are never satisfied with the status quo.

One green finger - J.L. Medcraft

FLIES CAN'T DRINK MUCH

When I went to school at Norton Canon I lived at what is now the Garage but in those days it consisted of the Post Office and Carpenter and Wheelrights Shop. On my way to school I used to deliver milk to a few houses on the way ending up with the School House. We kept a few cows in the area which is now Canon Drive but was then part orchard and part meadow. The Walnut tree is still there but was quite small in those days.

To get back to the story, each house had their own milk can, the

school one was white enamel and contained three pints. I used to go home at midday and one day the teacher said 'Would I take the milk home and bring her some more because there was a fly in it.' So home I went with the milk although I knew that there would not be any there, because any milk that was left over was always separated and the cream used for making butter. After my meal I just removed the fly and returned the three pints to my teacher - so everyone was happy and none the wiser.

May Toxston

Staunton Tobacco Charities

THERE are two quite separate and distinct charities in the Parish which have nothing to do with the Jarvis' Charity, where Benefactors gave or left money to be invested, the interest to be distributed to the poor by the Rector for the time being and the two Churchwardens, which the old men used to buy tobacco and the old ladies to buy snuff.

The oldest of them is the Poor's Money Charity, created c.1716 in the sum of thirty-two pounds, seventeen pounds of which was given by James Blither, ten pounds by Rebecca James, and five pounds by Richard and Susan Poole. The money was laid out on a mortgage or rentcharge on a field of 5.338 acres belonging to Old Letton Court, across the main A.438 road opposite the Swan Inn in Over Letton.

The first Trustees were the Rector of Staunton-on-Wye, Joseph Kyrwood, John Hodges, Richard Poole, Richard Clarke, James Love, William Gervis, and Thomas Kyrwood, Gentlemen. The income from the investment was fixed at two pounds per annum for all time, payable by the owner of the land. There was no physical ownership by the Charity of any land, and no documents or deeds are in existence.

The other is the Poor's Land Charity, created 1726 by a bequest in the Will of Richard Evans of Chelsea, who left fifty pounds for investment. Unfortunately twenty pounds of the money was loaned by the Rector to the Clerk of the Parish who became insolvent. The rest was invested in three quarters of an acre of land adjoining the main A.438 road, next to Rabbit Bury Lane, for so long called the Tobacco Plot.

Administration:

The official controlling body is the Charity Commission. For over 170 years to 1894 the joint administration of the two Charities was made by the Rector and the two Churchwardens. In that year the Parish Council came into being, and with their new-found control of Parish matters the councillors considered they could or should run the two Charities better than the Church.

They did so until 1919, but when they then approached the Charity Commission for permission to erect a War Memorial on the Tobacco Plot they were informed they could not do so, that they were not entitled to act as administrators of the Charities anyway, the proper persons being the Rector and two Churchwardens, or two Trustees who may be appointed by the Parish Council in place of the two Churchwardens, to act with the Rector. The Trustees need not be members of the Parish Council. In 1920 the Parish Council passed this resolution 'that the administration of the Tobacco Money be left to the Rector and Churchwardens.'

However, in 1967, with the Police Authority being interested in the purchase of part of the Tobacco Plot on which to build a Police house, the Parish Council again wanted to be involved. To be able to do so they called a Parish Meeting, then appointed two Trustees in place of the two Churchwardens. Although the plan was rejected by Weobley R.D.C., both Charities have since

1968 been administered by two Parish Council appointed Trustees alone, without the Rector of the Parish.

Income of the Charities:

In 1858	- Poor's Money on land at Letton	£ 2. 0. 0.
	Poor's Land - rent of the Tobacco Plot	2.12. 6.
	For distribution	£ 4.12. 6.
In 1909	- Poor's Money rent charge	£ 2. 0. 0.
	Rent of Tobacco Plot	3. 0. 0.
	For distribution	£ 5. 0. 0.
In 1919	- Poor's Money rent charge	£ 2. 0. 0.
	Rent of Tobacco Plot	4. 0. 0.
	For distribution	£ 6. 0. 0.
In 1978/80	- Poor's Money rent charge	£ 2.00
	Rent of grazing, septic tank and	
	New Inn Sign on the Tobacco Plot	£27.00
	Investment interest	£19.50
		£48.50

Since 1980 the income of the land for grazing, cider fruit, rent for septic tank and the New Inn sign, together with investment interest, has been upwards of £150 per year.

Distribution of the Charities:

In 1858 thirty-one poor persons of the Parish shared £4.12. 6. in sums of 1/6d. to 3/- for a single person, to 5/- for a married couple. In 1909 twenty six shared £5. 0. 0d. in sums of 3/- and 4/-. In 1919 thirty four shared £6. 0. 0d. in similar amounts, and in 1979 twenty seven single persons received 50p each, while married couples received 75p each. Since 1979 disbursements have been made but not for the purpose for which the Charities were established.

Redemption of Mortgage or Rentcharge:

In 1984 the field belonging to Old Letton Court farm which produced the annual fixed income of £2.00 for the Poor's Money Charity was sold to Mr. J. Goring of Dorstone Court. The Trustees arrived at an arrangement with him, agreed by the Charity Commission, for a voluntary release of the rentcharge on payment of a lump sum of £50 by Mr. Goring. This arrangement in no way affects the status of the Charity; the money has been invested in Equity Income Shares in the Charities Official Investment Fund, which will produce more interest than previously.

Richard Pantall

It is easier to keep half a dozen lovers guessing than to keep one lover after he has stopped guessing.

Helen Rowland