

# The Seaxe



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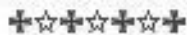
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### City of Bath Heraldic Society

This year the *City of Bath Heraldic Society* celebrated its **Golden Jubilee** and on 16th May a reception was held at **Abbey Church House** in Bath. About sixty people were present including quite a few from our own Society. Their ebullient chairman, **Michael Messer**, welcomed the guests and members after



**GOLDEN JUBILEE** which we all enjoyed a sumptuous buffet lunch. A conducted walk *to view the recently restored Interior and the Heraldry of the Vaulting in Bath Abbey* was followed by an illustrated talk on the *Pleasures of Heraldry* by the ever entertaining and knowledgeable **Keith Lovell** who associated many of these pleasures with those given him by the **Bath Society** over many years. At one point during the proceedings **Keith** was presented with an illuminated script confirming the life membership conferred upon him in recognition of his longstanding and close association with the **Bath Society**. Of particular interest to your editors was the **Golden Jubilee** issue of *Tabard* - the Society's "occasional" magazine - after an absence of thirteen years! It was a most enjoyable Summer day spent with delightful hosts and friendly fellow heraldists in a lovely city. (As I type this on 11th June it is cold, the rain is pouring down - but we do have the memories of that earlier Summer in May!)



### Bonnie Prince Charlie in Derby by Ray Smith

In **Derby Cathedral** (until 1927 the parish church of All Saints) there is a plaque, ensigned with a white rose - the badge of the *Charles Edward Stuart Society* - which reads:

AD 1945 THIS TABLET commemorates the reading of prayers in THIS CHURCH by the CHAPLAINS of the ARMY of PRINCE CHARLES between the 4th & 6th of December 1745

when in the words of LORD GEORGE MURRAY  
MANY OF OUR OFFICERS & PEOPLE TOOK THE SACRAMENT  
THE CHAPLAINS prayed for KING JAMES  
CHARLES PRINCE OF WALES and REGENT  
and HENRY DUKE OF YORK

"King James" was, of course, the "Old Pretender" and would have been **James III**.

"Charles Prince of Wales and Regent" was the "Young Pretender" - **Bonnie Prince Charlie**.

"Henry Duke of York was the latter's younger brother - made a Cardinal at twenty-one and was often referred to as **Henry IX**!

On 2nd December 1995 an equestrian statue of **Bonnie Prince Charlie** was unveiled by **Viscountess Scarsdale** of Kedleston Hall (which was on the route to Derby).



The statue, thought to be the only one of him anywhere in the world, cost £100,000 and was open for public subscription. However it was largely paid for by **Lionel Pickering**, Chairman of Derby County Football Club.

Also in 1995, about six miles south of Derby, at the northern end of Swarkestone Bridge (actually mainly a causeway over the River Trent floodplain) near the **Crewe and Harpur Arms** [ref. Calke Abbey] a cairn was placed - the inscription ensigned by a white rose reads:

THIS CAIRN MARKS THE  
FARTHEST POINT SOUTH REACHED  
BY THE JACOBITE ARMY OF  
PRINCE CHARLES EDWARD STUART  
ON 4TH DECEMBER, 1745  
Erected by the  
Charles Edward Stuart Society  
& Marston's Brewery  
on the 250th Anniversary

On 16th April 1746 the Duke of Cumberland defeated the Jacobite army at Culloden and became known as "Butcher" Cumberland because of his brutal treatment of the vanquished Scots.

[Ray Smith is a member of the *East Midlands Heraldry Society* and is a staunch supporter of the *Seaxe* Newsletter.]

## More News from Derby

By Letters Patent dated 10th October 1997, the **Derby Independent Grammar School for Boys** was granted armorial bearings:- *Per pale Vert and Sable in chief two crosses potent quadrate and in base a stag lodged within a palisade all Argent and for the crest upon a helm with a wreath Or and Vert between two crosses potent quadrate a mitre Or mantled Vert doubled Or.*

Motto:- *Vita Sine Litteris Mors* (Life without letters is dead).

**Derby Independent Grammar School for Boys** is run according to the principles of the Church of England for the education of students and children of high academic ability including physical, moral and religious education. The Agent for the grant of arms was **Mr Henry Bedingfeld, York Herald of Arms.**

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## News from Josh & Peach

We have had a letter from **Peach Froggatt** in which she tells us that she will try to get us a photograph of the splendid hatchment to **Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk**, which for various reasons she has not yet seen hanging at **Arundel**. One staggering fact she mentions is that the hatchment was made in their 12' x 12' room and they had to cut a hole in the floor to get it upright! What about that for dedication? Sadly **Josh** now seldom leaves the house but enjoys life mainly through music. They send their best wishes to us and I know that they are heartily reciprocated by us all.

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## Swan Sanctuary Update

We have just received a newsletter from the Swan Sanctuary and apart from the news angle it has given us another swan logo they use. In the newsletter are accounts of some horrific treatment meted out to these regal birds by mindless vandals - even to the smashing of eggs after the sitting pen had been mutilated or killed whilst the cob was also badly hurt or killed trying to defend its mate and potential offspring. One swan had been shot in the head no fewer than seven times!

On a happier note the Sanctuary were thrilled to be invited to home a small flock of swans at **Woburn Abbey**. Twenty three yearlings were taken down after the lakes had been inspected and declared suitable - they were safe and spacious and the swans would be well tended. The release went well and was watched by the



**Duke of Bedford, the Marquis of Tavistock and Lord Robin Russell.** All the swans settled quickly and some gave their wings a tentative try out round the lake! Let us hope they colonise **Woburn** as successfully as our Society recorded the arms in the **Bedford Chapel at Chenies** - and spent so many happy hours on the project.....so many years ago.

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## And Yet More Swans

For more years than they care to remember your Editors have had their central heating insured through the **Domestic & General Insurance Company** - and yet it was only a few days ago that we realised they had been using two slightly different swan logos during the whole of the period of insurance.



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## Heraldic Tarts

**Bill Burgess** writes to say that he and **Rita** give a talk on **Food for Thought** and is all about what our ancestors ate and drank. It is fairly light hearted and whilst researching recently he discovered that, in 1702, a famous French chef published, in English, a copy of his book **The Court and Country Cook** and under the heading of what we call **Marmalade** he wrote - *These marmalades are of great use for the making of pan pies or tarts or by the mixture and distribution of their colours, the coats of arms of several families may be represented - also flowers, luses, crosses and other devices. You may make a large coat of arms all in one tin or an assemblage of smaller shapes. Make sure the tin will go in your oven (don't use pewter it will melt). One pound of pastry will be sufficient for a twelve inch tin. For the filling - jams of different colours - red, purple, green, yellow, orange and black, made from prune sauce.*

**Bill** suggests that this might be a challenge for members at the next Christmas party! He also writes that **Rita** was none too pleased when he said that he was writing to us about heraldic tarts!!

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## Corrigendum

In **Seaxe** No.22 we said that the delightful colouring sheets produced by **Roland Symons** were available at the same price in either of two sizes.....and what we should have said was in **A3** or **A4** ! Sorry, **Roland**. Incidentally **Roland** has moved and his new address and Telephone number are as follows:- **5, Weatherly Avenue, Odd Down, Bath BA2 2PF** Tel. 01225 837308 and the very latest sheet shows the arms and badges of **Henry VIII** and his six wives.

## A Case for Pegasus



Recently reading in the **Daily Telegraph** the announcement of the 39th annual reunion dinner of the **7th Parachute Regiment Royal Horse Artillery** caused one of your editors to wonder if a **Pegasus** badge would not be more appropriate than the actual rather uninspired (and uninspiring) badge of the regiment. The blazon is the *Royal Cypher within the Garter with motto, ensigned with the Crown.*



## Militaria No. 20 - The Green Howards

**The Green Howards** is one of the few unamalgamated regiments in the British army and can find its origins in the companies of foot raised in 1688 by **Colonel Francis Luttrell** to aid the newly arrived **William III**. In 1689 these companies were joined together to form **Colonel Luttrell's Regiment of Foot** which subsequently changed its name with its colonels until 1751. However in 1740 there were two Colonels named **Howard** commanding regiments so to distinguish them they were called "**Howards Greens**" and "**Howards Buffs**" from the colour of their uniform facings and the former after **Sir Charles Howard** (CO 1738-48). Later **The Buffs** omitted the colonel's name but **The Green Howards** continued to use the nickname until 1921 when it became the definitive title of the regiment. In the meantime, from 1751 it was officially the **19th Regiment of Foot** until 1782 when it became **19th (1st Yorkshire North Riding) Regiment of Foot**. In 1875 the regiment was redesignated **19th (1st Yorkshire North Riding) Regiment (The Princess of Wales's Own)** and, in 1902, **Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment**. The badge from 1875 is



described as - *the Cypher of Princess (later Queen) Alexandra interlaced with the Dannebrog or Danish Cross. On three scrolls the full title - The Yorkshire Regiment. Below, a Rose of York. Above, a coronet. On the cross the date "1875" is that of the granting of the Honour Title.*

In 1921, to regularise the title by which the regiment was universally known **The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment)** came into existence - and remains so called today.

At Alma, in the Crimean War the regiment lost 226 men in that one battle alone but also served at Inkerman and Sevastopol. It took part in the Relief of Kimberley in the Boer War and among its many battle honours are Ypres, Neuve Chapelle, Loos, Somme, Arras, Messines, Menin Road, Passchendaele, Cambrai, Aisne, the Landing at Suvla and Gallipoli from the Great War and Norway, Dunkirk, Normandy Landing, El Alamein, Mareth, North

Africa, Landing in Sicily, Anzio, the Arakan Beaches and Burma from World War II.



The regimental badge is described as - *above the Roman numerals XIX the Cypher of Queen Alexandra interlaced with the Dannebrog or Danish Cross surmounted by a coronet. On the cross the date "1875"* (The **Danish Cross** - the **Dannebrog** - is the national flag of **Denmark** ["brog" meaning cloth] and has an interesting origin. Tradition says that in 1219 **King Waldemar II** saw a fiery cross in the sky which he believed betokened victory over the **Estonians**. However during the crucial **Battle of Lyndanisse** in **Estonia** old **Archbishop Anders** knelt praying for victory. As long as he kept his hands pointed to the sky the **Danes** advanced, but when he tired and lowered them the **Estonians** gained the advantage. The **Danes** realised that this was happening so two monks were detailed to hold up the **Archbishop's** arms thus ensuring victory).

The **Victoria Cross** has been won by no fewer than eighteen members of the regiment - two in the Crimean War, one in the Boer War, twelve in the Great War and three in WWII. The first award was to **Private [later Corporal] J. Lyons** at Sevastopol, on 18th June 1855. Another **VC** was won by **Private W. Short** in 1917 - he was foremost in a particular attack bombing the enemy with great gallantry when he was severely wounded in the foot. he was urged to go back, but refused and continued to throw bombs. Later his leg was shattered by a shell and he was unable to stand, so he lay in the trench adjusting detonators and straightening the pins of bombs for his comrades. He died before he could be carried out of the trench. During eleven month's service in the sector he always volunteered for dangerous enterprises.

Most unusually in the British army the regiment has no nickname.

The motto of the regiment is that of the Garter - *Honi Soit Qui Mal y Pense* (Evil be to Him who Evil Thinks).

The Regimental Headquarters is Trinity Church Square, The Market Place, Richmond, North Yorkshire which also houses the Regimental Museum and the recruitment area covers the wide area of North Yorkshire.



## Did You Know?

A **Zule** is a stylised column with a shortened shaft and bifurcated capital and base from the Dutch *zuil* and Flemish *zoule*. Often confused with a chessrook.



Zule



Chess rook



## Visit to Norwich - Saturday 30th May 1998

A twenty-one strong party comprising members of the *Middlesex Heraldry Society* and the *Chiltern Heraldry Group* together with one or two friends travelled by coach to Norwich where we were met outside the Cathedral by **John Dent**, Editor of the *Norfolk Standard*, the



newsletter of the *Norfolk Heraldry Society*. We had passed through the **Erpingham Gate** erected by **Sir Thomas Erpingham** and bearing his name arms and effigy - he was the commander of the English Archers at **Agincourt**.

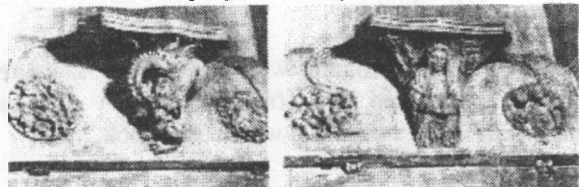
We divided into small groups and our party was led by **John Dent** - the Cathedral began as a Benedictine monastery with fifty monks overseen by the first Bishop of Norwich, **Herbert de Losinga**, and is built of Norfolk flints and white stone from Normandy. The latter was shipped across the North Sea from Caen to Yarmouth, then up the River Wensum to Norwich. Most of the craftsmen were Norman although legend has it that one side of the Cathedral was built by Normans and the other by Saxons and some say you can actually see the difference!!

Many Bishops have altered, added, extended and otherwise improved the building and each has left his mark heraldically - some more than others - Bishop **Nykke** constructed the transepts and has arms everywhere, Bishop **Lyhart**, (1446-72), (whose arms are a rebus of a hart lying down) was responsible for the roof bosses which are really a strip cartoon of the involvement of God with man from the Creation to the Last Judgement. Bishop **Goldwell**, (1472-99), had the spire, second only to Salisbury, erected and his chantry tomb is decorated by his arms - *a gold well*.

It is the only cathedral in this country where the Bishop's throne is in its proper position - **BEHIND** the high altar allowing him to face his people - an old Christian practice. The lectern is Flemish (c.1380) and, in place of the customary eagle, we have *a pelican in her piety*.

Queen Elizabeth I visited Norwich in 1578 and, at a thanksgiving service she was seated in the sanctuary opposite the tomb of her Grandfather, **Sir William Boleyn** which still bears the Boleyn arms.

It is a beautifully light cathedral notable for its Norman arches, its towering spire, lovely misericords, amazing



roof bosses and its wealth of heraldry. After lunch **John Dent** took us to see the old houses on Elm Hill and the St Andrew's and Blackfriars Halls which originally formed the nave and chancel of a church of the Dominican Friars. Since the Reformation they have belonged to the Norwich Corporation and, being used for social and cultural

functions, they are well maintained. It was a splendid day out and we are grateful to **John** and his three colleagues who gave up their time to give us so much local, historic and heraldic information. **John** you sent us home exhausted - but very many thanks anyway!

The following week an article in the *Daily Telegraph* reported a £10 million scheme to restore the monastic cloister, the largest in England. **The Dean**, the **Very Reverend Stephen Platten**, hopes to bring the cloister back to the heart of cathedral life and to resurrect the



Benedictine tradition of monastic learning. **The Dean** is shown in the cloister wearing a splendid stole - the arms visible are the **See of Norwich**, the **Deanery** and **Birkbeck** impaling **Gurney**. We understand that on the dexter side are three more shields, which even on the larger picture are indistinguishable, they are the **Royal Arms** and the arms of **Bishop Pollock** and **Dean Wakefield**, later **Bishop of Birmingham**.

The arms shown are -

**Erpingham:-** *Vert an inescutcheon within an orle of martlets Argent.*

**See of Norwich:-** *Azure three mitres labelled Or.*

**Deanery of Norwich:-** *Argent a cross Sable.*

**Birkbeck:-** *Argent a fess chequy Or and Sable between three lions' heads erased Gules.*

**Gurney** (a local family):- *Argent a cross engrailed Gules.*



## Royal Norfolk

The arms of the **Norfolk County Council** are:- *Parted palewise Or and Sable a bend Ermine - on a chief Gules a Gold lion of England between two Silver ostrich feathers with Gold Quills each ensigned by a Gold prince's coronet their pens piercing scrolls bearing the motto Ich dien as borne on the banner of King Edward III.* (The arms were granted in 1904.)

**Briggs** tells us that *the lower part of the shield comprises the arms attributed to Ranulf de Guader, first Earl of Norfolk (1071-5) and that in the chief are royal emblems indicating the special favour in which the County which embraces Sandringham was held by Edward VII.*



NORFOLK C.C.



## The Story Behind the Arms of Lord Nelson

**Viscount, Horatio Nelson** (1758-1806) was born at Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk where his father was Rector. He entered the Royal Navy in 1770 and, as a result of wounds, lost his right eye in 1794 and his right arm in 1797. In 1798 he tracked the French Fleet to **Aboukir Bay** and almost entirely destroyed it at the **Battle of the Nile**. On 21st October 1805 he totally destroyed the combined French and Spanish fleets off **Cape Trafalgar** but, in the battle, **Lord Nelson** was mortally wounded. His body was brought back to England and buried in **St. Paul's Cathedral**.

**C. W. Scott-Giles**, in his inimitable way, describes the development of **Lord Nelson's** armorial bearings.

*These arms the Nelsons bore in days of old.  
A Black cross flory on a shield of Gold,  
And over all a bendlet Gules to show  
Due difference from Samson and Lamplow. (i)*

*When one **Horatio Nelson** rose to fame  
With 'Sir' and 'KB' bracketing his name  
The King of Arms his escutcheon did resplend  
With three exploding bombs upon the bend. (ii)*

*Later they gave **Lord Nelson of the Nile**  
An augmentation in a lavish style -  
A ship disabled and a fort destroyed  
(Which probably the **Baron** much enjoyed). (iii)*

*When **Viscount Nelson of the Nile** at last,  
Beyond the reach of earthly honours passed,  
His brother (made an Earl), The Heralds gave  
The golden word **TRAFALGAR** on a wave. (iv)*

*The shield is a fine biographic gloss,  
But where, alas! is Nelson's ancient cross?*

The arms of **Lord Nelson** in their final form are:- Or a cross flory Sable a bend Gules surmounted by another engrailed Gold charged with three bombs fired proper a chief undurated Argent thereon waves of the sea and issuant therefrom a Palm-Tree between a disabled ship on the dexter and a ruined battery on the sinister all proper overall a fess wavy Azure with the word **TRAFALGAR** Gold.

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## A Note for Your Diaries

**Bill Burgess** tells us that **Rita** has been appointed **Programme Development Officer** in addition to her duties as **Deputy Warden** at **Old Alresford Place** and goes on to say *we are hoping to expand our range of courses and with that in mind we have something on heraldry for the 1999 season*. The likely dates are **6th to 8th October** and **Bill** and **Rita** are already discussing the programme with **Keith Lovell** and **Steve Slater** who have agreed to take part.

## The Oxford Tube

In *Seaxe* No.15 of December 1996 we wrote about the arms of Oxford Colleges reproduced on the coaches operated by the **Oxford Tube**. Recently we overtook a coach on the M40 and it bore a line drawing of the rather complicated arms of **Christ Church College**. But shortly afterwards we overtook a brand new **Oxford Tube** coach with, alas, no college arms - so it seems that they have either "run out of colleges" or have discontinued the practice. Arms:- *Sable on a cross engrailed Argent a lion passant Gules between four leopards' heads Azure on a chief Or a rose of the third seeded of the fifth barbed Vert between two Cornish choughs proper.* [Phew!]

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## September Seaxe

We have received two more delightful heraldic yarns from the series **In the Time of Queen Dick** by **Cynthia Lydiard-Cannings** - **Peggy Foster** introduces us to **hunky punks** and we also have a poignant poem from **Josh Froggatt**.

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**There will be no meeting  
in August**

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**Next Meeting**

**The Annual General Meeting**

will be held

on **Thursday, 17th September 1998**

*Nominations for office should be sent  
or given to the Chairman or  
to any member of the Committee*

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The AGM will be followed by our annual

**Members Evening**

**We look forward to seeing all those  
heraldic slides you have been  
taking since last September.**

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*All meetings are held in the Library,  
Ruislip Manor at 8.00pm*