



# The Seaxe



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### Roger Matthews RIP

As recorded in the last issue of *The Seaxe*, we have lost a loyal member of this Society, and a good friend, with the death of **Roger Matthews**.

Some of us were able to represent the Society at his funeral at St Lawrence Church, Eastcote on 28th February. The church was full, a fitting tribute to a man with many interests and friends from many organisations. We are grateful to **Roger's**

brother-in-law, **Hendryk Drysch** for much of the background to **Roger's** life and wide-ranging activities.

From his days as boy and man in the R.A.F. came his interest in drums and ceremonial and in doing things 'properly'. His distinguished Police service of 30 years involved him in motor cycles, and in the use of firearms at which he excelled. While devotedly caring for **Sylvia** in her long illness, he was still able to channel his energies and talents in many directions, including active service to his church, gardening, bowling, maintaining his connections with the RAFA and with shooting, local history, and walking their beloved Labradors - all rescue dogs. He took early retirement in order to nurse **Sylvia** full-time during what turned out to be the last year of her life.

To us in the Middlesex Heraldry Society he was a one-time Vice-Chairman and a long-standing, active member of the committee. Probably his greatest contribution was in fund-raising through the 'Bring-and-buy' stall which he ran for several years.

His main interest in heraldry was in design, painting and calligraphy. He helped to create arms for organisations with which he was connected; his last and greatest achievement was the design for the memorial window at St. George's Church, R.A.F. Halton, which has been accepted, and thanks to his fund-raising, will be commissioned later this year.

**Roger's** positive attitude in all things enabled him to cope with cancer by refusing to give in to it. and his cheerfulness throughout led us to believe that he would win through - and perhaps in his own way he did. He will be much missed by all who knew him for his generosity, kindness and courage.

May he rest in peace.

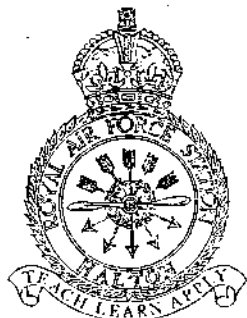
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## Some Recollections of Roger Matthews

by Hendryk Drysch

Roger Ellis Matthews was born on 27th January 1938. He was educated at Edmonton, North London, until his



family moved to South Harrow where he received his Secondary education at South Acton Technical College. On leaving school Roger joined the Royal Air Force at the RAF Halton Boys' Apprentice College. This followed on from his membership of the Air Training Corps. Although the College existed to train young men for a trade it also had a pipe and drum military band which

Roger joined as a Drummer. Halton must have had a great impact on Roger as he attended their annual reunions until very recently. Rumour has it that on the last occasion he borrowed a drum from RAF Uxbridge so that he could join in at Halton at the reunion!

On completion of his trade training he commenced duties at Brize Norton as an Airframe



Fitter and achieved the rank of corporal before buying himself out in 1961 to join the Metropolitan Police. However this was not to be the end of his association with the RAF as some thirty years later he became the Standard Bearer of the Aircrew Association at Uxbridge Branch. Like everything he did in his life there was only one way to do things – the proper way. Being the smartest standard bearer was an ambition Roger achieved and I am told that it has been known for him to advise other standard bearers on their turn out – in ways that only Roger could. You always knew when you had been reprimanded by Roger – his nephew can vouch for that! He was always very smart, well disciplined and everything had to be right.

Roger joined the Metropolitan Police on 20th March 1961 and his initial training was at the infamous Peel House in Victoria. After training he was sent to Harrow and Wembley Police Station as a foot duty officer and he and his wife moved into the police flat above the old Wembley Police Station. The traffic garage was at the rear of the police station and Roger thought that driving fast motor cycles and cars was far more attractive than plodding round the streets of Wembley. So, in 1968 he was selected for traffic patrol duties and was transferred to Barnes. After a short spell around Central London he was transferred to Alperton Garage where he spent the rest of his service.

In May 1981 he was selected and trained as a Specialist Rifleman – in the eighties there was no Firearm Branch and if firearms were required trained riflemen were either called from home or taken off normal duties to attend the incident – collecting firearms from their own police station. Roger was in attendance at such events as Royal Weddings and the State Opening of Parliament when he would usually be on the top of the tallest buildings – he was also at the famous Balcombe Street siege.

Roger retired on 20th October 1991 after 30 years service in order to nurse his very sick wife, Sylvia, full-time. Sadly she died at home a year later. In the years following Sylvia's death Roger spent much time in getting to know his nephew, Jonathan, and other members of the family. I have mentioned the RAF Halton reunions and his membership of the RAF Aircrew Association but he also had many other interests such as shooting where he was a member of the Wembley Rifle Club and also a founder member of the Harrow Police Shooting Club. He represented the Metropolitan Police in competition shooting and a cabinet at Alperton Garage containing a number of his trophies can testify to this.

He was an active member of the Middlesex Heraldry Society for about 20 years and also of the Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Historical Society. During Sylvia's illness Roger enjoyed an occasional couple of hours relaxation as a member of the Ruislip Bowling Club – and rumour has it that he was no mean player. He attended St Lawrence's Church and over the years held a number of positions within the church organisation. He was a keen gardener growing flowers, fruit and vegetables – a great dog lover owning many Labradors all of which came from rescue centres.

Roger was artistic, painting for pleasure and sometimes for profit and some years ago, on behalf of the Metropolitan Police, he was asked to design a plaque which was presented to the then President of the United States. He was particularly interested in calligraphy and heraldry and recently he designed a memorial window for St. George's Church, RAF Halton, which was accepted as the best entry in a competition and which will be commissioned later this year. Not only did he design it but he organised the raising of the money to pay for it!

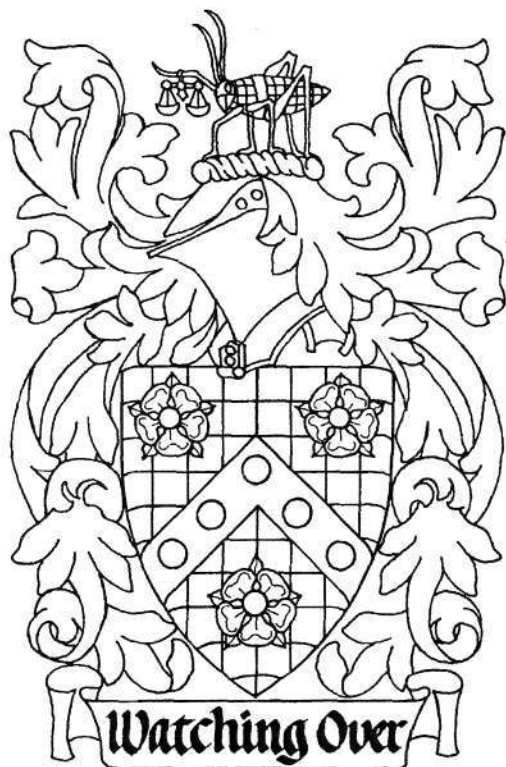
When he was diagnosed with cancer of the oesophagus last year Roger was determined to fight and beat this dreadful disease – but sadly it was not to be. He never lost his cheerfulness or his sense of humour nor did he indulge in self pity. This was the reason his death took us so much by surprise – we thought he was invincible – he was an example to us all.

Roger was a kind and generous man, talented but modest and the many tributes we have received over the last fortnight or so talk of his loyalty, generosity and positive approach to life. He will be missed by relatives, friends and colleagues as a man who enriched our lives.

May he rest in peace.

## An Armigerous Member

**David Krause**, who is a member of the Yorkshire Heraldry Society and also a country member of this Society, was granted arms on his birthday 16th May 2002. The Letters Patent being signed by **Peter Llewellyn Gwynn-Jones**, Garter and **Thomas Woodcock**, Norroy and Ulster. The agent who acted for **David** was **William Hunt**, Windsor Herald.



**David's** armorial bearings are:-

*Arms - Chequy Gules and Azure on a chevron Or between three roses barbed and seeded proper five torteaux.*

*Crest- On a wreath Or and Gules a cricket statant chequy Gules and Azure the antennae Gules legged with the thorax enfiling a plain collar and holding in the dexter foreleg a balance Or.*

*Badge:- Within a wreath of roses Argent barbed barbed and seeded proper leaved Vert a boar's head sans tongue couped behind the ears Or and holding in the mouth a torteau*

**David** took great care to list all the aspects of his life that he wanted to symbolise in his arms but, despite repeated attempts and countless sheets of paper covered with draft sketches, an acceptable design just would not come. A visit to the College of Arms to see Windsor Herald's

assistant, **Simon Duckworth**, soon resolved the problem and a design was mutually agreed. This design was approved by the Kings of Arms without amendment.

The rationale of the arms reflects, as was intended, many aspects of **David's** life. The red and blue field appears in the civic arms of the city of **David's** birth, Bradford, in the arms of Bradford Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a Past President - the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, of which he is a member - of Bradford College, with which he has been connected in one role or another for over fifty years and of the Heraldry Society. In addition to this red and blue were **David's** house colours when he was in Denson House at Aylesbury Grammar School during the Second World War. The three white roses are emblematic of Yorkshire and the chevron has several references. This ordinary is in the civic arms of Bradford and those of Bradford Chamber of Commerce and it also represents the protection provided for his clients when practising as a chartered accountant. The five torteaux were originally intended to be six in number to represent the six balls in an over in cricket, another of **David's** interests, but arranging six torteaux on a chevron was not artistically pleasing so they were reduced to five.

The colours of gold and red in the segments of the wreath are meant to represent Bradford City Football Club - another lifelong interest. The inclusion of a cricket in the crest is obvious and the scales symbolise fairness and honesty in both his professional life and in his career as a cricket umpire.

The main feature of the badge is a tongueless boar's head which appears in the Bradford civic arms. Not to be beaten by the loss of a torteau on the chevron on the shield the sixth ball of the over is held by the boar in its mouth!

One original idea was to include a book which would have been symbolic of many of **David's** activities and was more than usually appropriate as his son, to whom one day the arms will pass is a librarian by profession. As the applicant was advised that Garter would not allow such a charge the idea had to be abandoned.

The motto '*Watching Over*' refers to helping and guiding his family and his clients and is another obvious reference to cricket.

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## My Home Town – Huddersfield Pt IV

by Stuart Whitefoot

Finally I would like to take you to **Almondbury Church** - rich in heraldry.

**BROOKE** of Almondbury:- *Argent a cross nebuly per pale Gules and Sable in the first and fourth quarters a boar's head erased Sable.*



These arms are also to be seen in a stained glass window in the entrance of the Ramsden Technical College.

**Thomas Brooke, F.S.A.**, was President of the Huddersfield Mechanics Institute 1879-84 and first President of the Technical

School and Mechanics Institute January 1885..

**RAMSDEN** - The tinctures are incorrect.

**FENAY**:- *Gules a cross moline Or.*

These are the arms of **Nicholas Fenay**, the builder of Fenay Hall 1605. The family name makes frequent documentary appearances from the thirteenth century onwards. They held land in Almondbury, Newsome, Lockwood and Cowlersley. The lands held by **Nicholas Fenay** were those 'which said lands and tenements did belong to the late dissolved College

of Jesus Rotherham'. **Nicholas Fenay** was a founder governor of the Free Grammar School at Almondbury and Deputy Steward of the Manor of Wakefield. He died in 1616. The **Fenays** occupied the Hall until 1766.

**NETTLETON**:- *Sable two adders in pale entwined Or their heads respectant.*

The allusion is to 'nettles entwined'. The right to these arms was investigated by **Robert Glover** and as proof was wanting the entry is 'respected for proof'.

One of the first Governors of the re-founded Almondbury Grammar School in 1609 was a **Robert Nettleton**. This same **Robert** set up a Charity in 1613 for assisting the poor, preferring poor maids in marriage and poor scholars in learning and also for repairing decayed bridges and ways. The value of the 1613 estate was £20.. **Robert** also lent £40 to **William Ramsden** (1558-1623) to help repay the £975. - the purchase price of the Manor of Huddersfield

**WORMALL**:- *Azure a fess ermine between three boars heads couped Or.*

Opposite Almondbury Church stands Wormall Hall, a stone building with a black and white timbered upper storey. The initials and date **IWM 1631** over the doorway relate to **Isaac Wormall** and his wife **Mary**. **Isaac** was born in 1600 and died 1642. He was the first to establish a charitable connection with Almondbury Grammar School by charging a piece of land in 1633 with five shillings for the use of the Schoolmaster. His great-great grandson **Israel Wormall** devised his estates so that £5 should be paid to the Schoolmaster, the income from the residue to go to charitable purposes. Later charity organised to give £10 to the master on condition that four poor Almondbury boys should be educated at the school.

**KAYE**:- *Argent two bends Sable.*

(A crest of a goldfinch proper was granted in 1564 to **Arthur Kaye** by William Flower, Norroy.)

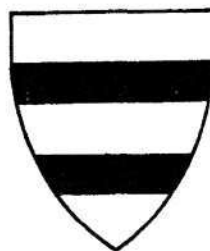


Alice Finchenden in 1378 granted her manor of Woodsome to **John Cay**, who married Alice's daughter Elizabeth. **John Kaye** (c1460) married **Jane Laci** (*Argent, six roundels Sable*) and their impaled arms are to be seen in the **Kaye** chapel window of Almondbury.

**John's** grandson, **George**, married Margaret Radcliffe of Longley, Lancashire and in 1517 their son, **Arthur**, married Beatrice Wentworth of Bretton (*Sable a chevron between three leopards faces Or*). Their son c1585 married Dorothy Mauleverer (*Sable three greyhounds courant in pale argent*)

A descendant, **John**, (d.1706) married Anne Lister of Thornton in Craven (*Ermine on a fess Sable three mullets Or*).

**DE HETON**:- *Argent two bars Sable.*



A family associated with Kirkheaton where there is a sepulchre slab. The similarity of their arms to those of Quarmby, also *two bars Sable on an Argent field* but which have a *martlet Sable in chief* can be misleading.

**WODE** *Argent, between two bendlets three fleur de lis, a bordure engrailed Sable.*

These arms were used by the **Wodes** of Longley though they belonged to a family of **Wodes** in Shropshire.



**John Wode** was the father of **Johanna Wode** who married **William Ramsden** in 1531. **William** was about 18 years old and she was about 24. **Johanna's** sister, **Cicely** married **Thomas Saville** and another sister married **Thomas Kaye**.

**John's** wife was **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Richard Beaumont** of Whitley. It is possible that they had a son, **Thomas**, who was granted arms in 1550 by William Harvey, Norroy. The arms were *Sable on a bend Argent three fleur de lys of the field*. Harvey states that the arms were based on **Thomas's** family arms. It is thought that John disowned his son when he refused to abandon the old religion and for that reason he does not appear in such pedigrees as exist.

## THE VICARS

**HULBERT:-** *Quarterly Argent and Sable in the first and fourth quarters a lion rampant Or, overall a bend Gules charged with three annulets Or.*

Arms granted in 1639 by Borough, Garter.

**Charles Augustus Hulbert** was appointed Vicar of Almondbury in 1867. He was a Canon of Ripon Cathedral and the author of *The Annals of the Church and Parish of Almondbury* (1882).

**NORRIS:-** *Quarterly Argent and Gules, in the second and third quarters a fret Or overall a fess Azure*

**William Foxley Norris** was appointed Vicar of Almondbury in 1881. He later became Dean of York then of Westminster Abbey. (Burke General Armory gives the blazon for **Norris** of Wytingham Norfolk 1766)

**CROSSLEY:-** *Per chevron Or and Vert, in chief a cross tau between two crosses moline fitchee Gules, in base a hind trippant Argent charged on the shoulder with a cross tau Gules.*

**Owen Thomas Lloyd Crossley**, Vicar of Almondbury from 1901. Later became a Colonial Bishop

**HOSTE:-** *Azure a bulls head cabossed Argent winged and armed Or.*

**Charles Dixon Hoste** Vicar from 1905. Later Vicar of Dewsbury and then Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

**LONGFORD:-** *Paly Or and Gules, a bend Ermine between two pairs of wings.*

**William Wingfield Longford** appointed Vicar of Almondbury in 1914. The wings are a play on the Christian name Wingfield. Later moved to Liverpool.

## THE PATRONS

**DE LACI:-** *Or, a lion rampant Purpure.*

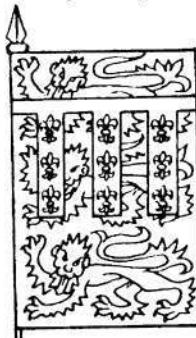


The **Lacis** held the advowson of Almondbury church from 1231 to 1289. These arms were first used by **Henry, 3rd Earl of Lincoln**. The family came from Lassi in Northern France where their lands bordered those of **De Warenne**. The first holder of land in the Huddersfield area was **Ilbert** c1070 who held the honour of Pontefract (Brokenbridge).

His descendants were land owners in the area until the mid 14th century. The arms passed out of the family when his heiress granddaughter married **Robert de Lissours** in 1131. However, her grandson, **John FitzEustace** 6th Constable of Chester assumed the name and arms of **Laci**. He married **Alice de Vere**. At the siege of Caerlaverock, Henry, 10th Constable of Chester, *the good Earl of Lincoln burning with valour and which is the chief feeling of his heart, leading the first squadron, had a banner of yellow silk with a purple lion rampant.*

**Henry** married twice, his first wife was **Margaret Longespee**, eldest daughter and co-heiress of **William de Longespee, 2nd Earl of Salisbury** whose father was the illegitimate son of **Henry II** by **Rosamund Clifford**.

**LANCASTER:-** *Gules, three lions passant guardant Or, on each point of a label Azure three fleur de lys Or.*



**Henry, Duke of Lancaster** held lands in Huddersfield and Almondbury. **John of Gaunt**, a son of **Edward III**, married in 1359, as his first wife, **Blanche**, heiress of **Henry, Duke of Lancaster**. Through this marriage he came into **Henry's** lands. **John** was created **Duke of Lancaster** in 1362. **Edmund Crouchback** was second son of **Henry III**. He was in the Holy

Land, fought with **Edward I** in Scotland and later took part in the Welsh and French wars. He was granted **Simon De Montfort's** inheritance as **Earl of Leicester** on the forfeiture by the latter.

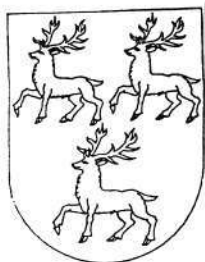
His eldest son **Thomas** married **Alice** only daughter and heiress of **Henry De Laci, Earl of Lincoln**. By the fifth year of **Edward II** he was **Earl of Lancaster** and joined the conspiracy against **Piers Gaveston** and later against the **Spencers**. He was beheaded for the latter adventure near Pontefract after forfeiting all honours.

His brother, **John**, was eventually restored to all the lands of his father and brother as **Earl of Lancaster** and **Leicester**. Dying in 1345 he was succeeded by his son **Henry** and following brilliant services to **Edward III**, **Henry**

was created **Duke of Lancaster**. He died in 1360 leaving only daughters one of whom, **Blanche** married **John of Gaunt**, then **Earl of Richmond**.

**ROTHERHAM:-** *Vert three stags trippant Or.*

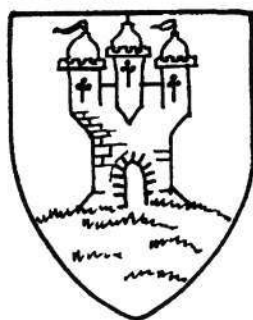
**Thomas Scott** later known as **Rotherham, Archbishop of York** founded the college of Jesus at Rotherham in 1483. The advowson had passed to the college in 1485. and the college survived the dissolution. During the collegiate period the **Kaye** and the **Beaumont** chapels were added to the church.



**DRAPER**

The last vicar appointed by the college was **Richard Draper** in 1549.

**CLITHEROE GRAMMAR SCHOOL:-** *Vert a triple towered castle Or.*



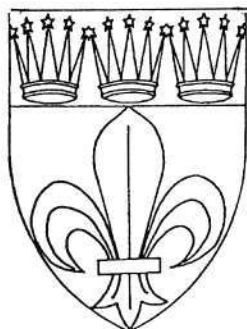
The school bears no arms but its seal shows a simple triple towered gate with portcullis. The arms shown here are those of the town which the school has used so long *whereof the wit of man seemeth not to the contrary*. The school held the advowson of Almondbury from 1636 to 1867 when **Sir John Ramsden** bought it from them.

**RAMSDEN**

Here without The Red Hand of Ulster.

**WAKEFIELD, SEE OF:-** *Or a fleur de lis Azure on a chief Azure three celestial crowns Or.*

Based on the former arms of the Borough of Wakefield. The earlier borough arms were a blue shield with a golden fleur de lis and were adopted in 1888 when the See of Wakefield was created. The two arms were thus colour reversed. In 1932 the city actually obtained a grant of arms when the royal character of the adopted city arms was differenced by edging the fleur de lis with ermine. The celestial crowns show the religious aspect.



The Patrons and incumbents are shown together which

shows that someone at Almondbury cares about its heraldic heritage. Almondbury's heraldry display weaves together some of the threads running through this article and I hope you will agree that there is a rich tapestry in Huddersfield and not just broadcloth! I have mentioned **Mr L E Rothwell** who deserves much credit for his extensive work on heraldry in the Huddersfield area and to whom I am most grateful, especially as he introduced **Muriel** and me to heraldry.

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## Many Tanks for the Royal Icon

A short article in a recent copy of *The Daily Telegraph* reads as follows:-



*Of all the British Army regiments to have seen action in Iraq, the **Royal Scots Dragoon Guards** has been perhaps the most prominent.*

*The regiment, whose tanks led the battle to take control of Basra, have since been engaged in "hearts and minds" operations in Iraq's second city.*

*Quite apart from their Challenger II armoury, however, they have also been protected by higher forces. A handpainted icon of **Tsar Nicholas II** - presented to the regiment by the 'Caledonian Society of Moscow' two years ago - is carried into battle every time the **Guards** see action.*

*"**Tsar Nicholas** is a revered figure in the regiment," says **Captain Jimmy Springthorpe**.*

*"He was made Colonel-in-Chief of the **Royal Scots Greys** (which later amalgamated to form the **Guards**) by **Queen***



***Victoria**. That icon offers us protection whenever we take it into battle."*

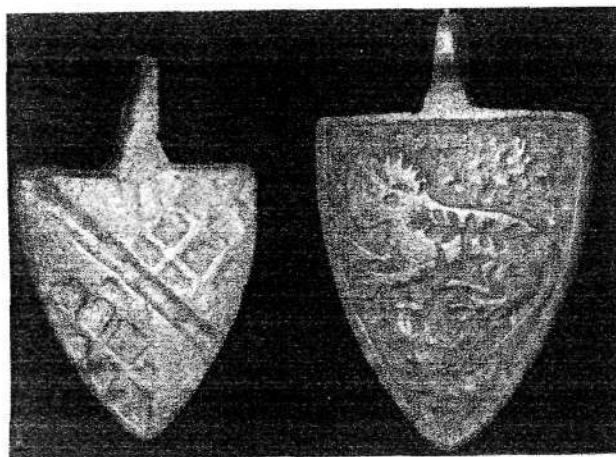
*But an icon is also a religious object, and therefore an awkward talisman for a war that is most definitely not meant to be a Crusade. "In the Eastern Church, an icon is seen as an actual presence of God," I'm told.*

*"So here we have one of the most potent of Christian symbols being taken into a war against a Muslim country."*

*Perhaps mindful of this, the **Guards** have been keeping their talisman firmly under wraps. "It hasn't been shown off. It's probably been kept out of sight in one of our vehicles," adds **Captain Springthorpe** diplomatically.*

## Medieval Horse Harness Pendants

by Ray Penn



These two fascinating bronze objects in Sherborne Museum are medieval heraldic horse pendants. They were trappings for the horses of retainers, messengers and the like, who worked for noble families or religious houses. The pendants acted as identifying badges and were usually enamelled and often had heraldry on them.

The left hand pendant, some 32mm long, carries a device which is described as *Quarterly Argent and Gules fretty Or a bendlet Sable*. It was found in a cottage in Long Street, two feet below soil level, during renovations and the device is that of the **Despenser** family possibly, **Hugh, Earl of Winchester** (circa 1320). The right hand pendant is about 38mm long and was found to the North of Sherborne in a rabbit hole. The device is of an unknown family. (Sent to us by **Iain Swinnerton**).

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Unofficial Badge worn at the present time



Proposed new official badge

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## Special Boat Service

**Michael Smith** Defence Correspondent of the Daily Telegraph writes that a member of the **Special Boat Service** has been awarded the **Congressional Medal of Honour**, the equivalent of the **Victoria Cross**, for his part in the rescue of a CIA officer from an Afghan prison revolt.

The man, a sergeant, led a patrol of six **SBS** commandos who rescued a member of the CIA's special activities section from the fort at Qala-i-Jangi near Mazar-i-Sharif, in November 2001. Two CIA officers were inside the fort, which held 500 al-Qa'eda and Taliban prisoners, interrogating one of the inmates when a riot broke out. Many of the prisoners had not been searched and were still armed and in the resultant battle one of the CIA officers **Johnny "Mike" Spann** was killed.



The **SBS** patrol had been about to leave the area when the revolt broke out but returned to rescue the other CIA officer. The uprising went on for three days and the **SBS** commandos remained throughout, bringing down aerial fire to quell the revolt. The battle was one of the most contentious episodes of the war in Afghanistan with human rights groups raising concerns over air strikes against prisoners.

The medal was awarded to the **SBS** commando in a private ceremony and kept quiet to preserve his anonymity. The **SBS**, based at Poole, Dorset, is often seen as a poor relation of the **SAS** but has been present at all leading special forces operations of recent years. It was created during the Second World War as the **Special Boat Section**, earning the nickname "Cockleshell Heroes" after a 1942 raid on German ships in Bordeaux by men paddling collapsible canoes or "cockles". After the war the **SBS** was renamed the **Special Boat Squadron** and deployed around the world. In the eighties the name was changed to the **Special Boat Service**. The unit played a vital role in the Falklands when members swam ashore ahead of the Task Force to identify the designated beaches.

The willingness of the Americans to recognise the courage of the NCO contrasts with the British decision not to award a **VC** either to the **SBS** NCO or to two **SAS** soldiers who took part in an attack on the al-Qa'eda cave complex also in Afghanistan in November 2001. One led the main attack on the heavily defended caves near Kandahar while the other directed aerial fire at the caves, putting his life at extreme risk by waiting until the last possible moment to bring down fire.

Members of the **SAS**, **SBS** and the **RAF** squadrons that fly their aircraft were awarded four Conspicuous Gallantry Crosses, five Military Crosses and three Distinguished Flying Crosses for operations in Afghanistan – but not a single **VC**!



## Next Meetings

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After the AGM which will be held at Ruislip Manor Library on  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

as listed in the Programme, we shall meet at  
**the Guide Hut in Bury Street, Ruislip** - part of the  
**Manor Farm, Library, Great Barn** group of buildings.

Meetings will usually be on the

**first Saturday of the month at 2.30pm.**

Parking should be fairly easy - in Bury Street - in Winston  
Churchill Hall Car Park (no charge) - or in St Martin's  
Approach Car Park (chargeable).

Revised Dates

Saturday, 4th October - **Stuart Whitefoot** -

**Royal Heraldry in St Alban's Abbey**

Saturday, 8th November - **Don Kirby** -

**Bermuda's Elizabethan Founders**

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**We hope that more of our members will be able  
to attend future daytime meetings.**

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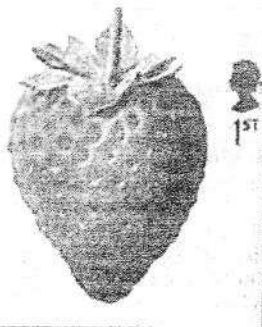
## The Chiltern Heraldry Group

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**AGM and Tea in the Garden**  
**At 3.00 pm on Saturday, 26th July**  
at the home of Marion Miles  
**Magpie Cottage, Shottesbrooke**

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## Banana Split Over Stamps



sprout and aubergine.

Royal Mail chiefs are being  
accused of slipping up by failing  
to include the banana in a new  
collection of stamps. The  
industry's Banana Group has  
complained at the nation's  
favourite fruit being left out of  
the £2.70 collection, but has  
been told the decision was made  
on "artistic merit". The ten  
designs include a strawberry,

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## The Somerset Heraldry Society

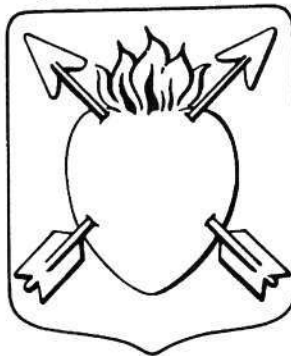
Iain Swinnerton has been kind  
enough to send us the  
newsletter of this newly formed  
society although he has not yet  
been able to attend a meeting.  
Your editors have contacted  
**Alex Maxwell Findlater** and  
hope to have the official blazon  
and a description in time for the  
next issue of *Seaxe*. In the  
meantime we bid them welcome  
and send our best wishes for their future success.



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## Saint Augustine of Hippo

His real name is **Saint Aurelius Augustus** who was born in  
Tagaste, Numidia (now called Tunisia). His father was a  
pagan but he was brought  
up by his mother - a devout  
Christian. He was educated  
at Carthage eventually  
becoming the Bishop of  
Hippo. He was the writer of  
his *Confessions* and *The  
City of God*. The symbol  
refers to his intense zeal  
and devotion to Christ.  
*Gold heart aflame on a blue  
field.*



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## Did You Know?

In 1936 Adolf Hitler opened the first factory designated to  
manufacture a car for the people - the **Volkswagen**. This  
car was rather different  
in having the engine at  
the back, with the  
luggage space in the  
front, prompting the  
rather worn joke that  
while the engine  
appeared to be missing  
from under the bonnet,  
there was fortunately a  
spare one in the boot!  
Over the years it became  
the much loved **Beetle**.



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**Next Issue** will see the arms of **Kirklees** and  
references for the **Huddersfield** articles.