

OBITUARIES

J A Giuseppi, FSA

We regret to record the death during the year of an old and distinguished member, Mr J A Giuseppi. He joined the Society in 1937, and became Acting Honorary Editor the same year, editing Volume 46 of the *Collections* (1938). He was joint editor with Miss M Giuseppi from 1938 to 1941. He wrote the article *Surrey Archaeological Collections 1854–1954* for the Centenary volume, vol 53 (1954), pp 89–95.

A good deal of Giuseppi's interest lay with the Surrey Record Society, which he joined in 1952/3, later becoming a Vice-President. He donated generously towards the cost of printing volume 2 of the 1235 Surrey Eyre (1983).

ERIC S WOOD

Uvedale Henry Hoare Lambert

The Society has lost a distinguished and valued member by the death, on 15th September 1983, of Uvedale Henry Hoare Lambert, of South Park Farm, Blethingley. Uvedale Lambert was the son of Alfred Uvedale Miller Lambert, FSA, author of *Blechingley: A Parish History*, and of Cecily Hoare (of the banking family). Alfred Lambert had enlarged the Tudor farmhouse of South Park into a capacious country house. The Lamberts are an old Surrey family, originating in Banstead in the early 16th century; one of them, Sir Daniel, MP, was Lord Mayor of London in 1741. The Uvedales, who were connected with the Lamberts by marriage, have lived in Surrey since the 14th century, and have earlier links with Hampshire.

Uvedale Lambert was educated at Winchester and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he became involved with the college Mission in Camberwell. He began his career as a schoolmaster at Marylebone Grammar School; but his later life was taken up with local history and affairs, and with farming and horseriding. He was a Justice of the Peace, and was High Sheriff of Surrey in 1961–62, Master of the Old Surrey Hounds 1950–74, and Lord of the Manor of Blethingley since 1969. He served with the 60th Rifles in the Middle East during the War with the rank of Major. He married in 1937 Diana Grey; they had two daughters. His wife was killed by a landmine at South Park in 1944, and in 1945 he married Melanie, née Grant.

Lambert joined the Society in 1932, and served on the Council from 1936 to 1940. His writings include: a note with I D Margary on the Evelyn Chapel at Felbridge (*SyAC* 65, 119–120); *The Reformation in Blechingley* (*Surrey History* 1 (4), 1976, 122–130); *The Rectors of Blechingley* (1981); *Godstone: a short history* (1982). In addition the Society's library contains an unpublished duplicated typescript, presented by him, *Notes on the Tandridge Hundred* (1966); and a leaflet to which he contributed for the Surrey Naturalists' Trust: *South Park, Blethingley . . . farm and nature walks*. He also wrote a *History of the Old Surrey and Burstow Foxbounds*.

Although perhaps somewhat marginal to the Society's interests, no memoir of Uvedale Lambert, however brief, would be complete, or even balanced, without a mention of his deep concern for the Anglo-Catholic part of the Church of England. He and Melanie rebuilt South

Park and St Mark's Chapel, and made it into a dynamic centre of hospitality, inspiration and fellowship for over thirty years, developing into a resident lay community. South Park was an outpost of the Community of the Resurrection, and became famous for its 'Holy Parties', discussion weekends for young people, led by Mirfield fathers. Lambert served on many church committees, and on the Church Assembly and General Synod. He was a member of the Arbutnot Commission into Diocesan Organisation in London and the South-East of England (1965-67). He was Trustee of many church societies, including the Society of Mary. He and Melanie added the north aisle to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, of which he was a Guardian from about 1952. His property of Wychcroft was leased, at a nominal rent, to the Diocese of Southwark as an Ordination Training Centre. He also had a lively interest in the charismatic Focolare Movement.

We are all the poorer for his passing.

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N P Thompson, FSA

Norris Paul Thompson died on 21st October 1984, aged 79. This will be a deeply-felt and lasting loss to the many who knew him. Norris was born and educated in Gravesend, and entered the grocery business, becoming manager of Harrod's grocery department, and later running his own successful shop in Woking, becoming while there an influential supporter of the small trader.

He joined the Society in 1958, and at once took part in excavations and other activities. He was secretary of the Excavation Committee for several years, and served on the Council. He resigned from the Society in 1979.

On his early retirement from business in 1961 he moved to Wiltshire, but for several years he kept up his contacts in Surrey. He took part in Yigael Yadin's famous dig at Masada in 1964. While in Wiltshire Norris threw himself into the work of the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society with the same devotion as he had shown in Surrey, serving on their excavation committee and Council. He became particularly involved with excavation and surveys in the Vale of Pewsey, and published several papers on this work in *Wiltshire Archaeological Magazine*. Recently he took up the recording of buildings in Pewsey. He served the CPRE in Wiltshire, and many other causes; and his interests were wide.

Norris Thompson had an infectious enthusiasm, and a dogged and tireless thoroughness which yielded fruitful results. He could find needles in haystacks (he discovered the glasshouse site in Blunden's Wood, Hambledon! and other unrecorded sites), and had an uncanny skill in excavation, and flair in field-walking. His respect for the evidence was total and undeviating. His kindness and generosity were experienced by very many, and he was much loved. To have known him was a liberal education.

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