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As this Bulletin was going to press the sad news was received of the sudden death on October 21st of our Vice-Chairman, Sir Leslie Fry, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., of Gorehill House, formerly H.M. Ambassador to Indonesia and later to Brazil until his retirement to Petworth.

To his initiative in its early days and his active support throughout the past three years, in spite of increasing ill health, the Petworth Society owes much.

It seems tragic that his passing occurred almost exactly twenty years from the time when he played such a notable part as British Minister to Budapest during the Hungarian rising.

The funeral will be private, but a thanksgiving service will be held later.

### The Future of the Bypass

On October 17th, the last day on which Petworth House was open to the public this year, the National Trust invited members of Sussex Amenity Societies to inspect the Tunnel route proposed by the County Council for the Bypass, as pegged out on the ground. Most local residents who have already done so will have formed their own judgment.



This seems to be overwhelmingly against the Tunnel route, on account of the irreparable damage it would do to the Pleasure Grounds, the playing fields and probably to the Town and to Petworth House itself.

The Trust claims that more than 100,000 people have signed its petition against "any bypass which will harm Petworth House, its Park or Pleasure Grounds". That the Tunnel Route would certainly do, in a far greater degree than the Park Route originally proposed by the Council. But since it is now likely to be a decade or two before work on any Bypass can be put in hand, and by that time the situation may be very different, what is urgent for survival of our town is that steps should be taken soon to exclude those vehicles of unreasonable length and weight that now shake its foundations, damage its houses, and hold up other traffic in their efforts to negotiate our narrow streets and sharp corners.

#### PETWORTH FAIR, NOVEMBER 20, 1976

Bulletin No. 6, issued last February, gave an account of the Coffee Shop in the Leconfield Hall, which as an experiment had been run on behalf of the Society on the evening of the Fair in 1975. The shop had by common consent been so successful as a supplement to the Fair and in publicising the Society (to say nothing of adding rather more than £61 to its funds) that it was decided to organise a similar Shop this year. It will be run by Lady Fry and her group of helpers, and will be open from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, November 20. Admission will be free. Coffee, soft drinks, soup, biscuits and crisps will be sold.

Books, toys, the Society's Christmas cards, home produce and such bric-a-brac as can be obtained will be on sale, and there will be a raffle and two bran-tubs for the children.

Articles for sale and raffle prizes will be most gratefully received or collected by:

Lady Fry at Gorehill House (Telephone Petworth 42450)  
Mrs. Johnson at Glebe Cottage, Bartons Lane (42226)  
Mrs. Janet Davidson at North House, North Street (42145)  
Mrs. Juliet Fynes at Fairfield Cottage, High Street (42353)  
Mrs. Gillian Mason at Butler's Cottage, Petworth House,  
North Street (42258)

#### The Fair 120 Years Ago!

From a copy of the West Sussex Gazette for November 1856, found

in the Leconfield Estate Office. (Note that at this time there were two distinct parts of the Fair - the "Pleasure" part "held in the Town" and the cattle fair held still in the "Fair Field". One wonders when the cattle fair ceased. Possibly even at this time it was declining):-

CATTLE FAIR. - The fair held on Thursday last was pretty well supplied with beasts and horses (though the latter were not very first-rate in quality). Of sheep there was not a large quantity, but we believe nearly all changed hands - very few beasts were left unsold. At the "Pleasure" part of the fair, held in the town, we stated last year that there was a larger number of "roughs" than we had ever seen here, but this year beats its predecessor, the town was literally swarming with them, and the police were kept on the alert up to one o'clock in the night, when there was a general melee, which did not terminate till two of the party got "shopped up." This portion of the fair is now become such an intolerable nuisance that we hope some measures will be adopted to do away with it altogether. The immoral and disgusting songs vociferated by a man and woman, and eagerly listened to by the young of both sexes, were offensive in the extreme. Some of the speeches of the "Cheap Jacks" in the laudation of their various wares, were not much before these poetical effusions in decency and morality. Several parties (notwithstanding the vigilance of the police, to whom great praise is due) had their pockets picked.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 17, 1976

This party will be held at the Leconfield Hall from 7.30 to 11 o'clock on the evening of Friday, December 17, and will take much the same form as its two predecessors.

Admission will be free to all members of the Society, who are most welcome to bring guests with them at the nominal admission charge of 25p each. Coffee will be served free, a cold buffet-supper (of turkey, salad and mince-pies) will be on sale at £1, and wine, beer and soft drinks will be sold by the glass.

Musical entertainment will be provided by some members of the Society itself. Miss Delia Woolford, the internationally well-known Contralto, whose mother happily is still living in Petworth, will sing, accompanied by Miss Marjorie McAdams, Music Mistress at St.



Michael's, Burton Park; and a member whose first solo was played in Winchester Cathedral when he was still in his 'teens will play a selection of pianoforte music: Mr. John Farrar, Mus.Bac.

A raffle and other competitions will be held. Members who are so kind as to provide prizes for these are invited to make them over to the ladies listed under the Petworth Fair notice. The Committee and those helping to arrange the party hope that as many Members as possible will be present and so ensure that the event is as successful as those held in 1974 and 1975.

#### LECTURE ON VAN DYCK

An illustrated lecture on VAN DYCK by SIR OLIVER MILLAR, C.V.O., F.S.A., F.B.A., Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures will be given in the Carved Room at Petworth House at 8 p.m. on Friday, November 5th, 1976, by kind permission of Lord Egremont and the National Trust. Lord Egremont will take the Chair.

It is a great privilege for the Society to be able to offer a talk by such a distinguished authority on one of our greatest artists, whose work is well represented in Petworth House. A glass of wine will be served after the lecture and Lord Egremont and the National Trust have kindly agreed that the adjacent rooms may also be lighted and open to members after the lecture. Entrance after 7.30 p.m. by door in Church Street.

A few tickets (price £1 to members of the Petworth Society; £1.50 for non-members) are still obtainable from David Sneller, David's, The Square, Petworth. (Petworth 42811) or Patrick Synge, Byworth Edge, Petworth. (Petworth 42471).

#### DIARY DATES

Friday,	November 5	Lecture on Van Dyck by Sir Oliver Millar, C.V.O. Petworth House, 8 p.m.
Monday,	November 15	Petworth Arts Centre, Mr. John Clarke on Bells and Bell-ringing, United Reform Church Hall, 8 p.m.
Tuesday,	November 16	Open meeting for display of Victorian Lantern Slides of Petworth etc., Leconfield Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Saturday,	November 20	Petworth Fair. Society's Coffee Shop, Leconfield Hall, 6 to 10 p.m.

Friday, December 17 Christmas Party, Leconfield Hall, 7.30 - 11 p.m.

#### Christmas Cards

It has been found necessary to increase the price of the Society's illustrated cards with envelopes to 6p. each.

#### NEW MEMBERS, 1976

The following members have joined the Society since the last list of members was circulated in February 1976, bringing the total to 298.

Mr. Terence Allbright, Old Preyste House, North Street.

Comdr. & Mrs.\* R. Bill, Sheeling Cottage, North Street.  
(\*formerly a member as Miss G. Clarke)

Mrs. G. Black, 7 Vicarage Gardens, London, S.W.14.

Mrs. Brenda Brown, Pound House, Pound Street.

Miss N. Case, Flat 3, Archway House, High Street.

Mr. John Farrar, Wistaria Cottage, Bartons Lane.

Mr. & Mrs. M.H. Foley, Norworth, East Street.

The Revd. J.H. and Mrs. Greene, The Rectory, Petworth.

Miss D.S. Gundry, Woodmans, St. Mary's Drive, Fittleworth.

Mrs. J.C. Harvey, Ivy House, Fittleworth.

Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Huggett, 4 Littlecote, Petworth.

Miss Marjorie McAdams, St. Michael's, Burton Park, Petworth.

Mr. & Mrs. P. Neve, 7 Rosemary Close.

Miss J.M. Pearce, Meadow Cottage, Northmead.

Mr. & Mrs. R. Pottington, Lombard Street.

Mr. N.E. Reilly, Hunger's Corner Farm, Byworth.



Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Ricketts, The Old Post House, Byworth.

Lady Sanders, Bakehouse Cottage, Lombard Street.

Mr. & Mrs. R.A. Sneller, Upaven, Golden Square.

Mr. J.B. Solomon, Shortlands, Sutton, Pulborough.

Miss Margaret Southern, Flat 2, Archway House, High Street.

Mrs. F.C. Steel, 59 Sheepdown Drive.

Mrs. Eric Waddington (Delia Woolford), Langley, Pathfields Close,  
Haslemere, Surrey.

Mrs. Joyce Wilson, Gorehill House, Byworth.

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Group Membership, Junior Branch -  
St. Michael's School, Burton Park (20 Members)

We regret to record the death of the following members:-

Mrs. Judith M. Beech, Mr. Ronald Denman and Mr. Percy E. Phillips, all of Petworth Town.

#### Change of Address

Mr. & Mrs. K. Loughnan, Old Hangham Farm, Lodsworth, Petworth.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Forman, Oldhams, Fox Hill, Petworth.

#### Bishop Otter Essays

Bound typescripts of ten essays on Petworth subjects by students at Bishop Otter Teachers Training College, Chichester, mentioned in our last Bulletin (No.7, June 1970), have been added to the Sussex Collection in the Petworth Public Library. They are available for reference on application to the Librarian.

Arrangements are also being made for a separate wall rack to be set aside in the Library for circulars and pamphlets of special interest to Petworth and to members of the Society.

#### STREET WARDENS' AREAS

The following is a revised list of members who have agreed to act as "Street Wardens" to facilitate the distribution of bulletins, collection of subscriptions etc.:-

#### Area

- A Mr. G.P.D. Adams - Byworth.
- B Mrs. Boss - from George House to Hampers Green Youth Centre.
- C - - Gorehill to Grove Street.
- D Mrs. R.D. Webber - Sheepdowns.
- E Mrs. M. Sheridan - East Street, Middle Street, Angel Street and New Street.
- F Mr. David Sneller - High Street, Golden Square, Market Square, Lombard Street, Saddlers Row and Church Street.
- G Mr. K.C. Thompson - Rothermead, Station Road, Wyndham Road, Dawtrey Road, Littlecote and the Village of Graffham.
- H Mr. J.A.G. Bragg - Sutton and West Burton.
- I Miss E.L. James - Duncton.

#### Please note carefully:-

Owing to the costs of printing and postage it will no longer be possible to supply copies of the Bulletin unless the current subscription has been paid. This can be paid to any member of the Committee or the Street Warden for the area.

A membership card is issued on payment of each subscription stating the date to which it is valid. It will be helpful if members can bring their cards when applying for tickets or attending any meeting which is open to members only.

#### "Tales of Old Petworth"

The first edition of this book, obtainable from local bookshops, price £1.40, is now almost sold out and a new edition is being prepared.



## WAR ON LITTER

In the latest Newsletter of the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies readers are invited "to nominate the untidiest spot in Sussex, East or West." The object it adds "is not to cast a slur on any town or village, the inhabitants of which may not be responsible, but by high-lighting the complaint to see if some improvement can be brought about".

Let us make sure that Petworth is not among the "winners". A campaign on litter has been started by the West Sussex County Council with the twin slogans "Keep Sussex Tidy" and "Take your litter home, please", and a limited number of car stickers are available free from Council Offices and Libraries.

Rubbish that is thrown down has to be cleared up by someone, and local authorities' funds are limited.

## GROUP REPORTS

### Conservation and Architecture

In a letter to the Chairman Mr. John Wingate Davidson, A.R.I.B.A., of North House, most of whose professional work is carried on from his London office, writes that he has recently undertaken some work in Petworth which involves the construction of a new building as well as a conversion. He adds "I feel it would be wrong for me to continue in office as Conservation Group leader in The Petworth Society while I am engaged on work which might be construed by the members as conflicting with the ideals of The Society".

In the circumstances his resignation from the Group leadership has regretfully been accepted, but we are happy to say that Mr. Davidson has agreed to remain a member of the Committee and to continue with the photographic survey on which he has already done such valuable work.

Since the conservation and architecture of Petworth are a primary concern of all the Committee and members of the Society it has been decided not to appoint a new group leader at present.

### The Hermitage and other Plans

Among planning applications examined on behalf of the Society since our last Bulletin the most important are those for The Hermitage

and its surroundings. Work on the interior reconstruction of the house is now in progress. Thanks to the new owner, for many years a resident in and lover of Petworth, the external appearance of the house will be almost unaltered.

Plans for restoring the ruined "gazebo" and the loggia at either end of the bowling alley above the path "Round the Hills" remain to be settled, and reconstruction may take some time, but the view from the Shimmings Valley is unlikely to be seriously altered.

Other plans in which the Society has been actively interested are those for buildings at the corner of Middle Street and High Street, and for developments and alterations at the Sheepdowns, the Swan Hotel, Daintrey Court, Soanes Farm, and the Fair Field adjoining New Grove. The future of the latter seems to be once more uncertain since the Petworth Football Club, with the support of the Parish Council, won its appeal against the District Council's rejection of the application for its use as a sports field.

### Countryside and Amenities Group

Leader: Mr. Patrick M. Synge, M.A., V.M.H., Byworth Edge. (Tel.42471)

### GARDENS AND THE DROUGHT

On two hot afternoons in late June members were able to visit many of the gardens of Petworth town on tours arranged by Mrs. Sheridan and Mrs. Hands and there was a good turnout. They were well rewarded and it was a revelation to see what can be grown in areas, some surprisingly large, others quite small, hidden away behind the fronts and not usually seen by the public. It would be invidious to pick out any for special mention, but we had two very pleasant afternoons and our hosts kindly refreshed us with cool drinks as we went.

Petworth is unusually favoured in the fronts of its street houses, many of appreciable architectural interest, but the backs are equally exciting. These enclosed areas are much more sheltered than gardens in the countryside and can grow tender plants as well as providing much colour. Our warmest thanks are due to all who opened their gardens and even provided some plants for sale for the Society's funds and in particular to our two efficient organisers. We hope that perhaps they will repeat the exercise next year.

Members of the Amenity Group were also able to enjoy visits in May to Sir Leslie Fry's garden at Gore Hill, where some of the



Rhododendrons seemed to have escaped the disastrous frosts at the end of April; to Miss Jeanne Courtauld's beautiful house and garden at West Burton in June where the shrub roses still made a good show; and in July to Mrs. Margaret Thorpe's garden at Coates Manor, which is distinguished for its contrast and juxtaposition of different foliage colours and forms, giving in spite of the effect of drought some lessons in clever planting for any gardener - I always learn something - and finally to Mrs. Parry's beautiful garden at Sutton, still fairly green and full of colour although it was nearly the end of July. Some of the lilies, which she grows so well, were still in flower.

#### After the Drought

The long drought has now finished. It is still too early to assess all its effects, but do not be in any hurry to remove plants which looked dead. Most of the grass has greened over and covered the brown patches better than most of us expected. A few, however, will need to be lightly scratched over with a handfork and some seed sown in spring; it is too late to do this now. Also wait to feed with a turf fertiliser or to kill the weeds chemically until the spring. The two can be combined in one operation.

The drought has shown us the value in the garden of silver-leaved plants. Few of these have needed any water, while nearly all roses have stayed alive and flowered adequately although they have not made as much growth as usual. The autumn-flowering bulbs, which rest in the summer, such as Amaryllis belladonna and sternbergias, which are like yellow crocuses, and also colchicums have flowered better than ever, and now the pink Nerine bowdenii are coming out. So there are compensations. Rhododendrons that look completely dead should probably be removed now, but any that show any life and are only partly dead should be trimmed back. All dead wood should be cut out and they will probably sprout in the spring. Azaleas can also be cut back hard, but do not cut back any smooth-barked species such as the red R. thomsonii or R. barbatum and their hybrids as they rarely sprout. Heathers have also suffered badly and when brown all over will probably be better removed and replaced. Less damaged ones can be cut back and will sprout next year. Camellias have stood up well in most gardens but generally growth has been shorter than usual and they need no special attention. Hydrangeas though have suffered badly. The larger-leaved species such as H. sargentiana and H. villosa have survived better than the Hortensias, the large headed florists' hydrangeas. These in most cases will need to be cut back hard sometimes nearly to the ground. They will survive it, and grow stronger for it next year, although they may not flower. Ceanothus have mostly sur-

vived well. They flowered well this year and in most cases should be as good next year, depending on the winter. Herbaceous plants such as Michaelmas Daisies and phlox mostly made poor growth but should recover next year. They needed water however to perform well. Surprisingly some annuals such as the pink cleomes, the spider plant, are still magnificent and obviously enjoyed the summer and so did the sweet williams earlier on. Both have set plenty of seed. Dahlias and chrysanthemums have mostly survived. They have grown and flowered in proportion to the amount of water given, but are mostly not up to their usual standards. However next year they should be as good as ever.

Those gardeners who mulched their gardens early in the season have found that it proved particularly rewarding this year. Some gardeners have had to concentrate more on vegetables this year and have given them the larger share of the water that was available. Here the results have been largely dependent on the amount of water given, but this year in particular early planting has paid good dividends especially for runner beans, and late-sown ones have had little chance to catch up. Next year will surely show some gaps, but probably not nearly as many as most of us expected.

P.M.S.

#### Mellow Fruitfulness

Have we ever had such a wonderful natural harvest for the field-comber ("beachcomber" - why not "fieldcomber"?)

First came the blackberries - huge luscious fruit on every bramble. We picked, ate, gave away and froze more than 30 pounds (I saw them in the shops at 20p. a pound!).

Then the mushrooms! The rain came, early in September and up came the mushrooms and in the most unlikely spots - we picked several pounds on the verges of a busy main road up until mid-October.

Then the nut harvest - cobnuts were so plentiful and large that even the squirrels must have been satisfied. Chestnuts were the biggest I have ever gathered and my Christmas turkey stuffing is ready in the freezer and I might even try my hand at marrons glaces and other exotic desserts. The sloes were almost sweet enough to eat - given gin what liqueurs we could have made!

For the first time ever, too, I managed to pick bullrushes from dried-up ponds, they are usually in deepish water. They look lovely



with dried grasses and trailing hops which have been festooning the hedges.

And all this picked within three miles of Petworth.

M.G.S.

Richard Norman Shaw, 1831-1912

Andrew Saint's new book "Richard Norman Shaw" (Yale, £19.50), described by Press reviewers as "a masterpiece among architectural biographies and "a most readable biography as well as a scholarly assessment of Shaw's work", has a local interest since it would appear that Gorehill House is probably the first of Shaw's very few works in West Sussex. The plans (for photostat copies of which the present owners are indebted to Mr. Saint who visited the house in 1972) are signed and dated "R. Norman Shaw, 30 Argyll St., Regent St., W. October 1871". Wispers, near Midhurst, was built about 1875.

Gorehill House was commissioned by Henry Upton, Steward of the Leconfield Estate, who had acquired the freehold of the land from Henry, 2nd Lord Leconfield.

In his book 'A Pictorial History of English Architecture' Sir John Betjeman writes that Shaw 'was the inspiration of England's greatest contribution to the architecture of the Western world - the small house for artistic people of moderate income'.

In 1878 Shaw laid out at Chiswick some winding streets of Dutch-style houses which formed the garden suburb called Bedford Park; in 1888 he designed New Scotland Yard and buildings for banks and insurance Companies, such as the Alliance Assurance building (now incorporating a Post Office) at the St. James's Palace end of Pall Mall; and in 1905 he was the architect of the Piccadilly Hotel. At Bryanston in Dorset he produced what has been described as the last great stately home to be built in Britain. By the end of the 19th century he had established the reputation of being the most respected architect of his time, considered by Lutyens as even greater than Wren.

Local History and Records Group

Leader: Mr. Peter A. Jerrome, M.A., Trowels, Pound Street (Tel.42562)

The Exhibition "Petworth miscellany" in the Public Library ran for two months and seems to have been of interest. We would hope to

mount a similar exhibition early in the new year. The photographs attracted most attention as usual, but we did this time show photostats of old documents with transcriptions. As ever I am much indebted to Mr. J.M. Newdick for his caption work and to Mr. E. Vincent for help with assembling and dismantling.

The handwriting group is well into its second year now and the outlook is extremely satisfactory. Once again we have reason to be grateful to Mrs. McCann of the West Sussex Record Office, for releasing copies of recently rediscovered documents from the archives at Petworth House, and of course to Lord Egremont for allowing us to make copies of them. Of particular note are a series of letters from 1702-3 written by the absent Duke of Somerset to his steward and giving instructions in minute detail for various building and domestic matters on the estate. There are various accounts too from the late eighteenth century for medical advice, treatment, tailoring and other services. These are important and not difficult to read.

Our knowledge of Petworth toward the end of the eighteenth century is very patchy and there is nothing corresponding to the classic works of Kenyon and Lord Leconfield on the earlier period. There is also a fascinating and easily legible document concerning hooliganism in North Street in 1803-4 with a mention of cricket on Hampers Common, and a sketch plan of the part of North Street where the incidents took place, one of the defendants being described as a young man "of a democratic and bad disposition".

Perhaps most important to us are two more very substantial documents dealing with the later stages of the Earl of Northumberland's conflict with the tenants over inclosure. These come apparently from the early years of James I. We are hopeful, with Mrs. McCann's help, of eventually issuing a pamphlet on this complex affair. We could take one or two more members in the group, perhaps coming in when we are looking at some of the easier later documents.

The Group assisted the National Westminster Bank in putting on an exhibition dealing with Petworth Traders of past generations, which was on view at the bank in early October.

The next meeting of the Local History Group will be on Tuesday, 16th November, at 7.30 p.m. in the Leconfield Hall. The programme will consist of Victorian lantern-slides, many old views of Petworth and the surrounding countryside being among these. It should be a very interesting evening and ALL members of the Society will be most welcome to this open meeting.

P.A.J.



ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

We are again grateful to Mrs. McCann of the West Sussex Record Office for answers to some questions, also to Mr. J. Taylor and Mr. Graham Allen. (Answer No. AQ3/1 replies to Question No.1 in Bulletin 3).

AQ3/1 For the Washington Family and the probable connection with George Washington see Kenyon p. 101.

AQ6/6 Damer's Bridge. Should it be Dammer's Bridge? An inventory survives from 1719 for W. Dammer, Saddler, but there is no indication as to where he lived. The "bridge" probably spanned the surface drain running down Lombard Street and across Market Place. Old names from inventories and lists often seem to have survived although it is not always certain there is not simply a coincidence. The more unusual the name, the less likely the coincidence. So A5/3 Gosden's Yard. "Teelings" is certainly a survival. "Bartons" given as archaic in the 1882 Manorial survey may well be connected with the Barton family well-known as builders from seventeenth century accounts. From more modern times most local people know "Morley's" corner, or "the Pound".

For the Dyehouse see Lord Leconfield Petworth Manor pp 117f.

AQ7/2 The Bailiff was simply an administrative officer for a higher official, and his duties would vary according to his employer. For example in 1855 the bailiff of the County Court, which was held at Petworth, was William Death. He lived in New Street.

AQ7/4 According to S.C.M. Vol V p. 785, the Petworth printing business was started at the end of the eighteenth Century by James Goldring, who was joined about 1820 by John Phillips. Goldring died soon afterwards. Phillips was joined by his son-in-law Albert Bryant, who carried on the business after Phillips retired. The business was closed down in the early 20th Century, the last printer being William Habbin.

Phillips is of course very well known as the printer of all the material concerning the Petworth Emigration Scheme in the 1830s, and many examples of his work are in the County Record Office. His house, which probably contained the printing works, is shown on an 1839 map of Petworth. It was in what

is now the Churchyard immediately to the North of the entrance by the present Church Lodge.

AQ7/5 The first Petworth water supply is said to have been installed by John Edmonds, Rector from 1496-1531. Water was brought from a spring in the park to a main tap near the church, and from there to two conduits in the Market Place. The 9th Earl connected the House to the water system, but it was cut off by the rioters in 1592. (See Lord Leconfield, "Petworth Manor in the 17th century", pp. 36-40).

The 3rd Earl of Egremont installed a new supply for the town, with the water being pumped from new waterworks at Coultershaw.

AQ7/6 The "Obelisk". An announcement of the issue of engravings of Witherington's famous picture of the Annual Dinner in Petworth Park, and dated 9th June, 1835, contains the following:-

"As one of the latest of his Lordship's munificent acts has been, to enable, by his liberal contributions, the Inhabitants of Petworth to perform a great public benefit by lighting their Town with Gas, it has also been thought desirable, that the testimony of gratitude should be in accordance therewith; and a handsome standard for the support of four lamps has therefore been erected, (which will bear a suitable inscription), at the angle of the Three Streets on entering the Town from London, where one of them branches off towards his Lordship's mansion, and near the elegant spire built a few years ago by his munificence.

Of the beauty of the structure more need not be said than that the design was liberally contributed by Barry, an Architect who has executed many much admired works, who built the above-named spire, and whose designs for the two Houses of Parliament have been considered superior to those of numerous competitors".

(Sir Charles Barry gained the first premium in the Houses of Parliament competition in 1836, and was occupied in building them from 1840 till his death in 1860)

AQ7/7 The Square Oak tree, of which the trunk is completely quadrilateral, grows on the verge of the road from Petworth to Graffham, about half a mile beyond the turning off the Chichester road, on the near side.



According to the Guinness Book of Records the Tallest Cedar tree (132ft.) in the United Kingdom and Ireland is in Petworth Park - about halfway down the Pleasure Grounds and due for felling if the County Council's proposed Tunnel Route for the Bypass ever comes into being.

The tallest horse chestnut tree (125ft.) in the U.K. and Ireland is also in the Park. Can anyone locate it?

#### MORE QUESTIONS

Q8/1 Not too many perhaps will remember the tennis courts below the withey copse, but their oblong shape has been outlined with great clarity during the long drought. Are there any similar examples of this?

Q8/2 How many distinctively Petworth bottle or jar labels are there? Charles Knight Ginger Beer bottles are well known, but examples exist of the following:-

Frank Stanley, wine and spirit merchants.

S. Pycroft, wine and spirit merchants.

C. Dempster, wine and spirit merchants.

Charles Godwin and Co., Petworth and London.

B. Challen, Petworth.

Manning Milton, wine and spirit merchants.

John Upton, wine and spirit merchants.

also J. Dawtrey and Son, Veterinary Surgeons, Chichester, Bognor, Midhurst & Petworth.

Q8/3 Part of the old Petworth horse-drawn dust cart still survives. Can anyone remember it in use?