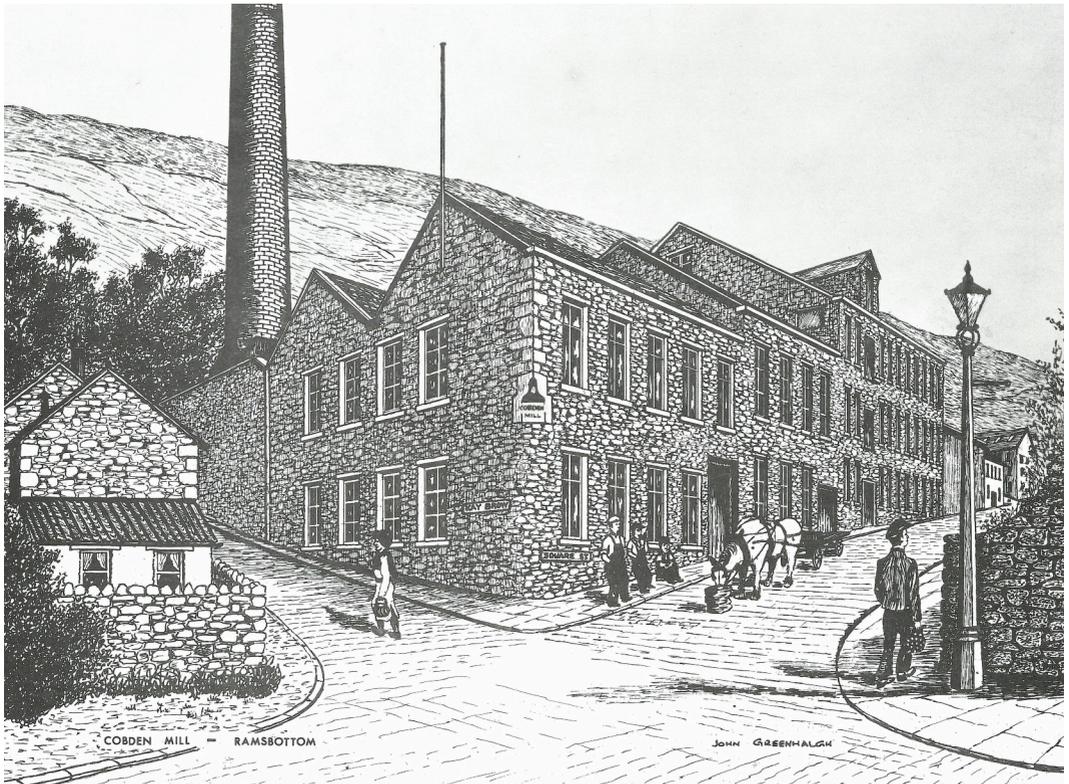


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The objects of the society shall be:-

- a) To advance education of the public by creating an awareness of and interest in the study of the history and heritage of Ramsbottom (as defined by the boundaries of the pre-1974 Ramsbottom Urban District Council).
 - b) To locate relevant documents, records and artefacts. To retain, catalogue and/or copy them where possible, and to operate an information centre.
 - c) To seek to protect the heritage of Ramsbottom
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PROGRAMME 2016-2017:

December 14 **Christmas Social Evening**

January 18 Ian Summers – *The History of Edenfield's Cooperative Buildings* (illustrated) From busy shops to slow decline before restoration into shops once more. Ramsbottom Coop also plays a part.

February 15 Rob Trueblood – Illustrated talk on the amateur naturalists who worked around Manchester from the early 1800s, focusing on Richard Buxton, John Horsefield and James Percival.

March 15 **30th Anniversary Photographic Competition** – results and presentations. Judge – Barry Aldous, who will also provide an entertaining presentation afterwards.

April 19 Marilyn Joyce (of the Jane Austen Society, on the bi-centenary of the author's death) – *Introducing Jane Austen* (illustrated).

May 13 **THE SOCIETY'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT** 12 till 4 p.m.

May 17 **Annual General Meeting and Members' Night**

June 21 Martin Baggoley – *Murder in the Victorian Lancashire Family*

**Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held at Ramsbottom Civic Hall
Market Place, Ramsbottom, commencing at 7.30pm.**

Members £1.50, non-members £2 to include refreshments

The Editors welcome articles for inclusion in the News Magazine. These may be handwritten, typed or on disc (in "Word") and sent to the Heritage Society. Please include your full address and a contact telephone number.

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Save the Date

The Ramsbottom Heritage Society celebrates its 30th Anniversary in 2017, and the Civic Hall has been booked on Saturday 13th May from 12 - 4 p.m. for an afternoon of celebrations promoting the Society's activities. If you would like to help with a display or an activity, please see a member of the committee.

Website - www.ramsbottomheritage.org.uk

Email via website

SECRETARY'S REPORT

At the Annual General Meeting, Kate Slingsby stood down as Chairman, and no-one was nominated to take her place. It was thus decided to split the role, and Tony Mosedale was elected to lead the Wednesday public meetings at Ramsbottom Civic Hall, and the committee meetings would rotate the chairman from one of the committee members. I was elected as Secretary, a position that Kate previously undertook as well as chairman. There are currently vacancies for Chairman and Vice-Chairman, so if anyone is interested in either of these roles, please see any member of the committee. The current committee comprises

OFFICE	CURRENT HOLDER
Chairman	Vacant
Vice Chairman	Vacant
Secretary and Press Officer	John Leyland
Treasurer	Derek Rowley
Assistant Treasurer	Margaret Rogers
Acting Membership Secretary	Richard W Hall
Programme Secretary	Barbara Williams
Art, Artefacts & Exhibition	Kate Slingsby
3 Committee Members	Karen Kay, Tony Mosedale, Duncan Francis

There are also many other members of the society who work behind the scenes doing important roles. These include Brenda Richards, who leads the Archiving team, Janet Smith, who edits the News Magazine, Joan Young, who leads the Gallery team who open on the second Sunday afternoon of each month, and the tea room volunteers who provide refreshments at the Civic Hall meetings. John Ireland leads the Conservation group, which deals with planning applications, and both John and Andrew Todd are invaluable in answering any queries that are received via the website regarding the history of Ramsbottom.

Finally, in the absence of a chairman, any issues regarding the Society should be directed to me, and they will be discussed at a committee meeting, which are held on the 4th Wednesday in January, March, May, September and November, or if urgent, via email, telephone, or an additional meeting.

John Leyland

NEWS

Lt Col Porritt's portrait has now been fully restored and we are confident that our members and the wider community will be pleased with the result. Details about how it will be made available for everyone to see will be out soon.

Lt Col Porritt's illustrated scrolls Thanks to the expertise of Formbys, local book conservators and restorers, the condition of the two documents, which were donated to the Society following the floods of 26th December 2015, is now stable. When we received them, two months after the floods, both scrolls were still wet and part of the writing was spoiled. One of them was even stuck to its frame's glass. We are very grateful to Society members Mr and Mrs Formby whose prompt action saved the scrolls. Further damage was avoided as the drying process took place over several months in the freezer at their premises. Formbys also kindly donated a special storage box labelled "Ramsbottom Heritage Society Historical Documents" in gold letters.

We are now planning to display these important documents at one of our monthly meetings and the general public will be able to view them in the near future. Their permanent home is the state-of-the-art storage at Bury Archives where they will always be available to the public on request by quoting reference numbers RHS/9/1/9/27 and RHS/9/1/9/28.

Former Grants Arms Bowling Green Update

As we mentioned in our last issue, in June 2015, Bury Council made the decision to place the green on their list of Assets of Community Value (ACV) after the Ramsbottom Heritage Society's nomination, which was supported by other community groups. The owner of the site requested a review of Bury Council's decision and this was carried out in November 2015 when the Council decided to maintain the status of the green as an ACV under the 2011 Localism Act.

The owners of the site then appealed against the listing to a First Tier Tribunal of the General Regulatory Chamber. When the Council and members of our Society presented the case to the Tribunal, it had even more detail supporting the ACV listing, and the documents ran to seventy six A4 pages! On 21st July 2016 the Tribunal's decision was taken to dismiss the appeal.

The effect of Asset of Community Value listing is that, generally speaking, an owner intending to sell the asset must give notice to the local authority.

A community interest group then has six weeks in which to ask to be treated as a potential bidder. If it does so, a sale cannot take place for six months. The intention is that this period, known as the “moratorium”, will allow the community group to come up with an alternative proposal. However, at the end of the moratorium it remains up to the owner whether the asset is sold, to whom and at what price.

Fortunately, the ACV is not the green’s only protection from development. As we have said previously, it became part of the Ramsbottom Town Centre Conservation Area in 1977. Also it had been designated for recreational use and as a valuable open space in the Council’s planning guidelines.

Ramsbottom Civic Hall garden and courtyard, was officially opened on Friday 13th May 2016 by former Mayor of Bury, Cllr Stella Smith. Its transformation into a light, bright area with a backdrop of shrubs and plants is the result of five years of hard work by local groups, individual volunteers and Bury Council staff. The event was attended by many of the people who had worked on the project and entertainment was provided by Bury Music Service.

Ladieswear shop, Velvet, having relocated from nearby Square Street, held the “Grand Opening” of their new premises on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 56, Bridge Street, Ramsbottom. (In our Autumn/Winter 2015 issue we regretfully reported the closure of *W & D Scholes*, the ladies fashion store which had been trading there for many years.) For a while the future of this imposing building looked uncertain but thanks to its new occupants it has now regained its place as an important business in the town. Our best wishes to *Velvet* for a happy and successful future in Ramsbottom.

Ramsbottom War News

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HANDY TIPS

(found in an old note book dated October 1900)

White paint when dirty should be washed with skimmed milk and the dirt will easily be removed.

Costive Persons

Half a teaspoon of buttermilk with a teaspoon of sulphur boiled. Drink on going to bed twice a week. This will cure any costiveness!!

Bronchitis is greatly relieved by drinking hot lemon tea sweetened with brown sugar and liquorice, or wear an old newspaper constantly over your undergarments.

Grey hairs A very simple remedy to dye grey hairs is cold tea in which several nails have been left to rust.

Betty Chapman

Ramsbottom's Lost Generation Part 2 1916 **by Duncan Francis**

A meticulously researched record of Ramsbottom's involvement in the Great War, told through the lives of those from the town who made the supreme sacrifice

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This book costs £10 and is on sale at Ramsbottom Library, including on the second Sunday of the month, in the Ramsbottom Heritage Gallery, or direct from Duncan.

For details, please go to www.ramsbottomheritage.org.uk

WAR MEMORIALS

As we reported in our last issue, the Society have been given a damaged WW1 war memorial from Porritt & Spencer's Stubbins Vale Mills. It is an oak plaque measuring about 5ft by 3ft with a Roll of Honour listing all the mills' employees who served in the war 1914 -19.

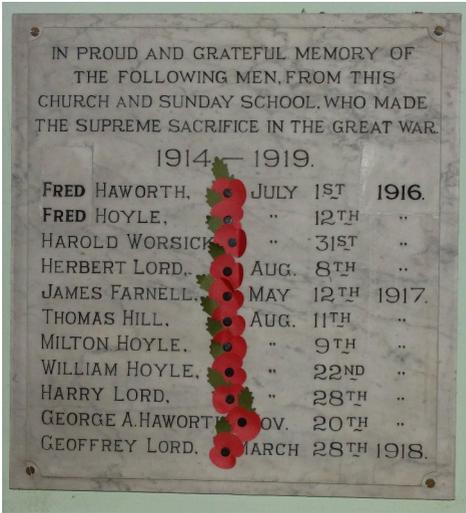
One of Porritt's mills at Stubbins Vale, the five-storeyed building, was demolished between September 1978 and April 1979 when its giant chimney was the last part to go. The present owners of the remaining mill, Voith Fabrics, were storing the plaque in the mill cellar when, on Boxing Day 2015, the cellar was flooded, to a depth of about six feet in places.

We are unsure of the plaque's condition before the flood. It has now dried out slowly but the surface finish has gone and many of its constituent pieces have separated. On the main board the raised lettering is intact except for the last name. This was fitted on a separate wooden strip which is now loose. Two curved pieces of the frame from the top of the plaque are missing.

Ramsbottom British Legion are happy to display the plaque at their premises on Central Street and they have suggested obtaining a grant towards its restoration. An experienced local craftsman's report confirms that the wood is basically in good condition (no rot or other physical damage). For the purpose of the grant application he has submitted an estimate to include all time and materials for cleaning, conservation and repair of the plaque including re-attachment of all loose and detached pieces, manufacturing and fitting of missing sections, hand-carving as necessary, and refinishing and restoring the surface as appropriate.

Meanwhile the Rossendale branch of the Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society (LFHHS) have listed the Stubbins Vale WWI Roll of Honour and a photograph on their website at www.rossendale-fhhs.org.uk. Basic details about the plaque also appear on www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk. Both websites will be updated when the restoration work has been completed.

Also on the LFHHS website are three more photographs taken by a Society member at Edenfield Methodist Church, Rochdale Road on 5th March 2016 when the church was closed. The LFHHS's records show that two photos are of memorials to men connected with each of the two Edenfield Methodist chapels of that time: the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel (11 names of men who died in WW1) and the Primitive Methodist Chapel (11 names). The third memorial is a Roll of Honour



(50 names) of all those connected to Edenfield Primitive Methodist Church who served in WW1.

Originally the Edenfield Methodist Church which has recently closed was Edenfield Primitive Methodist Chapel until the amalgamation with Edenfield Wesleyan Methodists. Their chapel, which stood just off Market Place near its junction with Rochdale Road, was demolished in 1960.



Reference: John Simpson, *A History of Edenfield and District* (Edenfield Local History Society 2003)

**“WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE,
NOR ANY A DROP TO DRINK.”**

The following article was written by a founder member of the Society who began to take photographs and collect information about Ramsbottom's past to use in the displays in the small building that had been the town's library (on the site now occupied by a children's nursery). She chose a quote from "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" as her title because it describes in two short lines the situation in Ramsbottom: a village with springs, wells and a river that were often polluted. We have included some of her original drawings and also the 1908 map of the area. We would welcome feedback as to whether the pumps, wells and springs mentioned still exist.

Before 1838, when the Radcliffe and Bury Waterworks Company was established, the people of Ramsbottom relied for domestic water supplies on the River Irwell and the area's many springs and wells.

Even before 1702 in the hamlet of Tanners there was a tan yard where leather was tanned using the bark of oak, elder and ash. The discovery of the old tan pit in 1762 polluted Tanners well which was down a lane near the top of Tanners Street. In the late 18th century factories were built by the river and its tributaries for the manufacture and printing of cotton goods. These sites were chosen because of the need for water for processing and power. In 1812 the mill in Nuttall village was powered by a waterwheel that was said to be the largest in Europe. Waterpower remained important until the end of the 19th century. The river became polluted by discharge from print works, dye works and paper mills. Sewage, garbage and refuse also polluted the river, causing many cases of typhoid. Over a hundred years ago the river was described in a first hand account by a man who was shocked by the state of the river that had probably caused the deaths of people he knew. His poem, which contains the following verse, was written in 1872 and published in the *Manchester Guardian*.

Ode to the Irwell

Thou inky, nauseous bed of death!
Unsightly, stagnant, seething main!
Thy odors take my very breath.
Thy colours but provoke disdain.

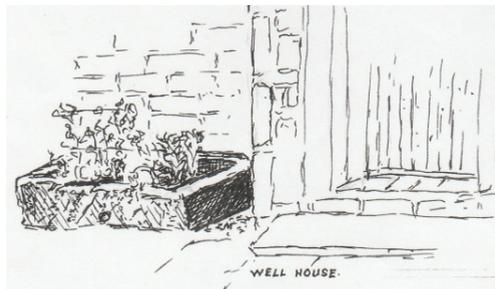
The river was no longer fit for domestic use. All water had to be obtained from springs and wells, although they were not always pure either. In the Turnv i l l a g e school log book it was recorded that pupils had died after drinking water from the village well. In 1886 it was recommended that all water taken from these sources for domestic purposes should be boiled, especially the water from springs fed from “fields recently manured”.

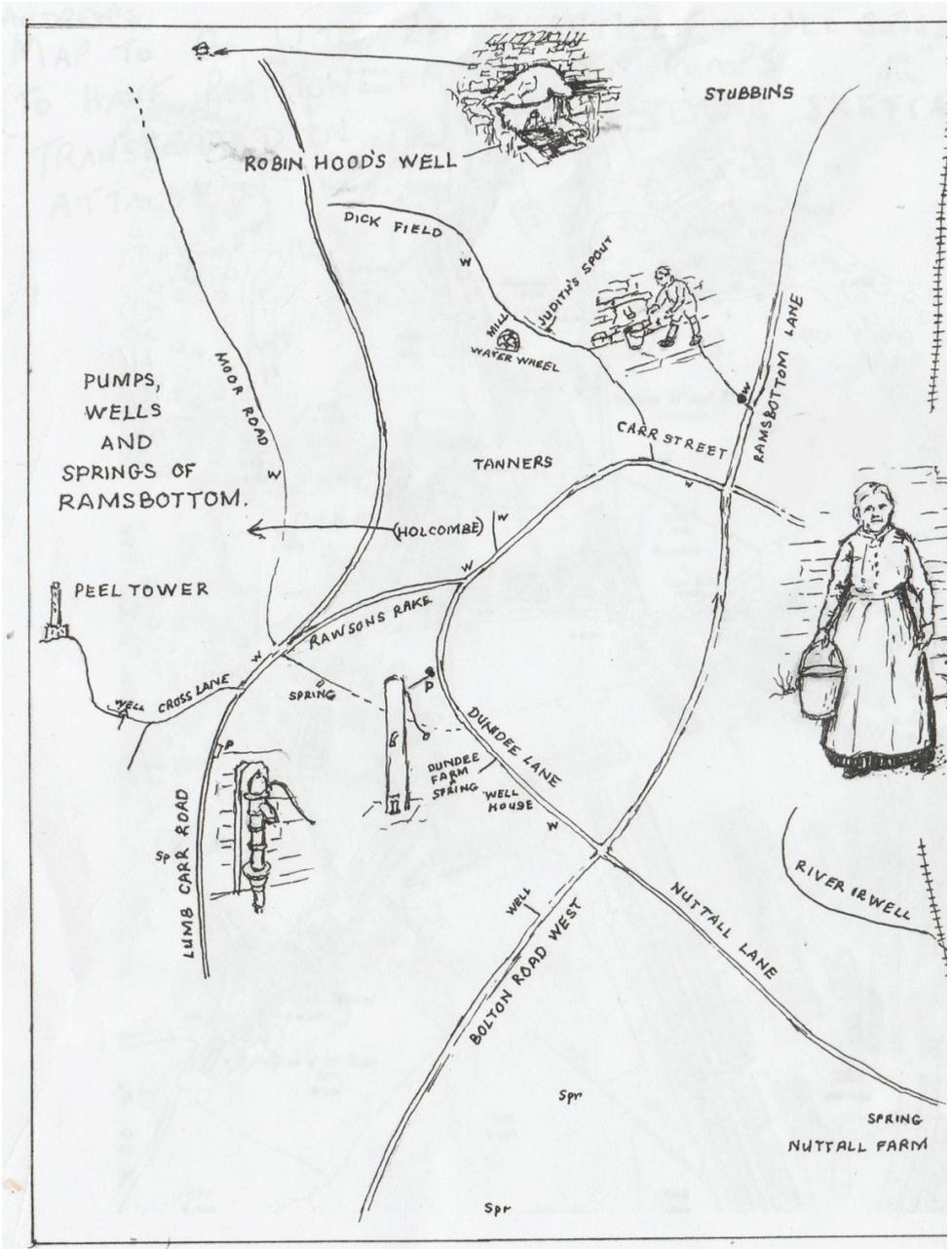
Wells, Springs And Water Pumps In Ramsbottom

On 26th April 1826, when rioters were at Chatterton protesting against the economic hardships being suffered by handloom weavers following the introduction of powerlooms, it is recorded that a troop of cavalrymen stopped to water their horses at a well behind 12, Bolton Road. (After the cavalry arrived a t Chatterton Mill to quell the riot and Major Grant had read the Riot Act the rioters refused to leave. Six people were shot and many were injured.)

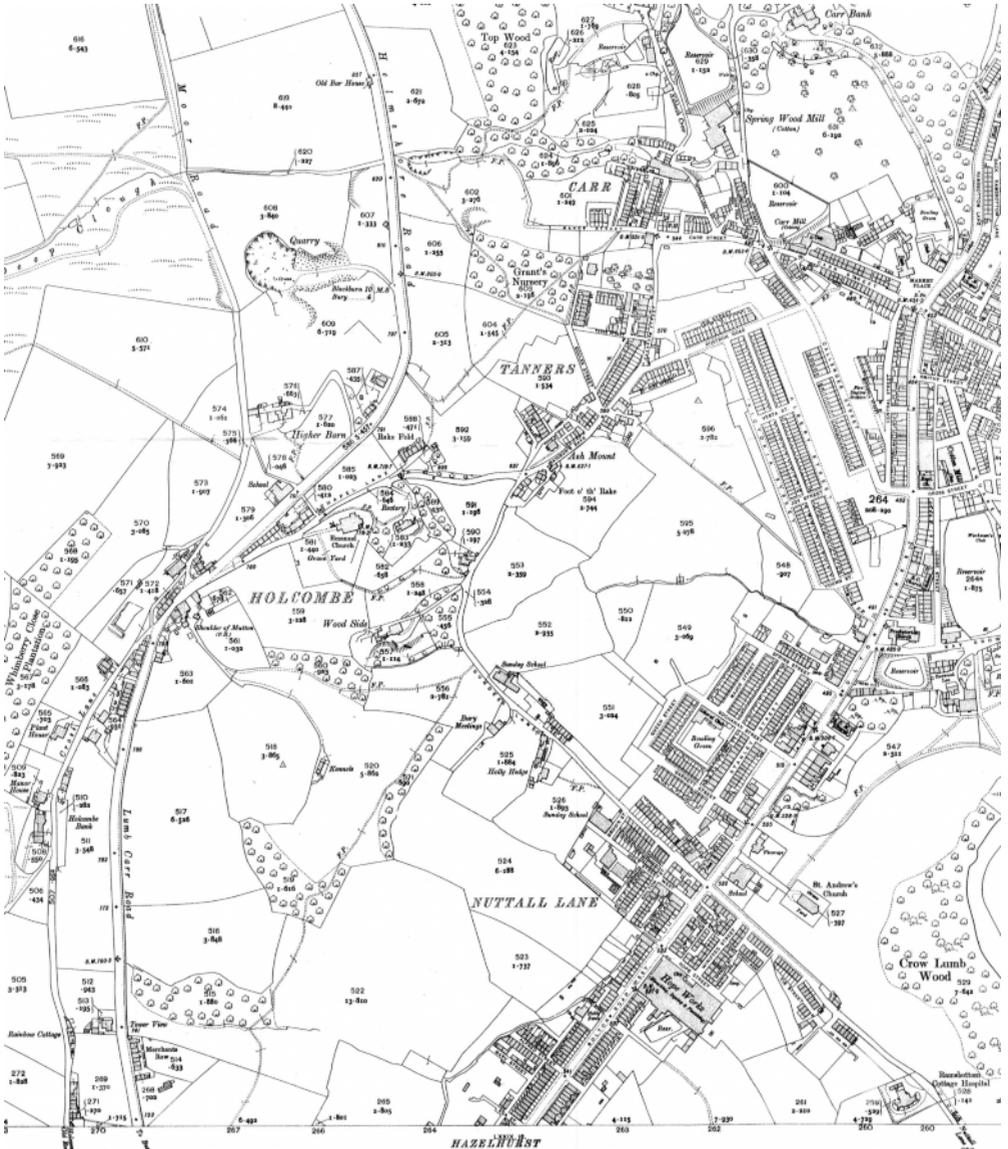
On and around Dundee Lane wer springs, wells and a water pump. G o i n uphill, on the left hand side a narrow lane on led to Dundee Farm, the home of Joh Hutchinson. A spring on his farm was still i daily use until the 1930s and he claimed th spring water was purer than tap water. Furthe up, again on the left stands th School House. It was built in 1864

incorporating stones from Holcombe Court House and the old Manchester Cathedral (the old Parish Church) and was also known as the Well House. The well that stood in front of it provided water for the families in a row of stone





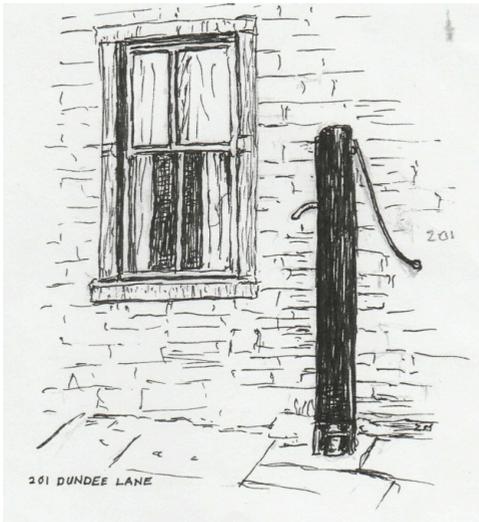
Extract of a drawing by Zena showing Pumps (P), Wells (W) and Springs (Spr) of Ramsbottom



Extract of the 1908 Ordnance Survey map of Ramsbottom showing the same area as Zena's drawing.

The full map is available at Ramsbottom Library or from the Heritage Society website

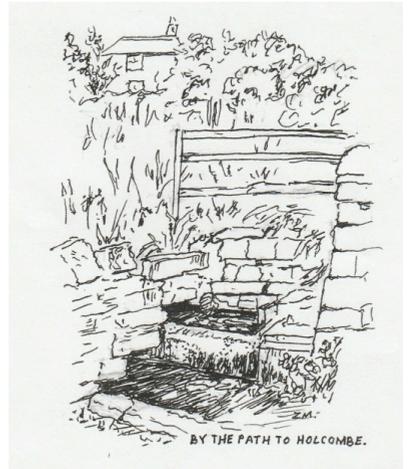
cottages opposite until the late 1940s. Two ladies who lived in one of the cottages used to take their bucket to this well when they arrived home from the mill and

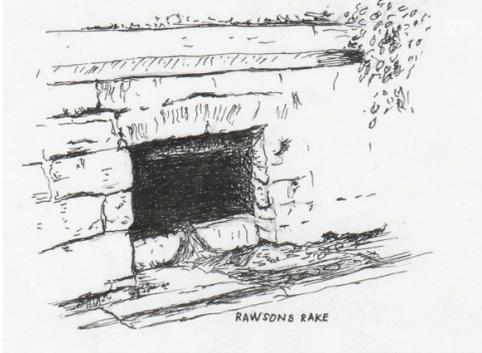


collect the water they needed that evening. After the 1940s the well was still used occasionally until it was taken out of use and the trough moved below the Well House. In 1888 number 201,

Dundee Lane was the home of Tom Rostron Kay, soap manufacturer and later the Carr family lived there. They had their own water pump which stood in front of the house. Another well stood in the wall on the left near the top of the path which climbed from Dundee Lane to Holcombe village. There was also a well in the centre of the village and a

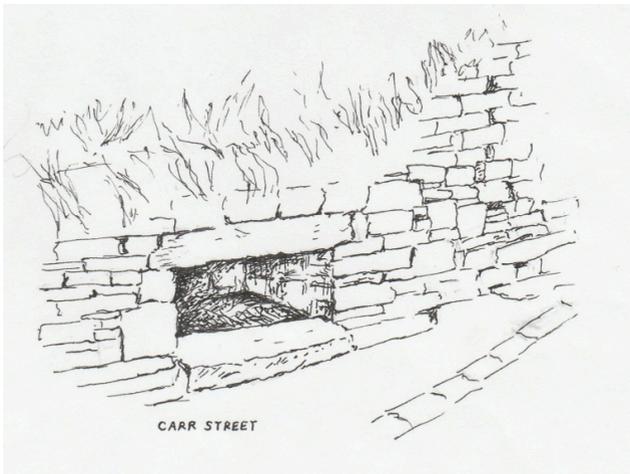
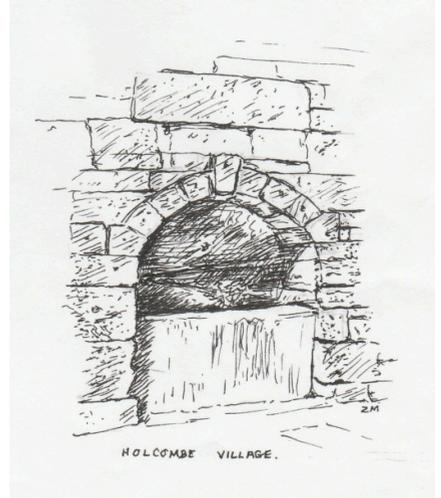
pump on the left hand side of Lumb Carr Road opposite a row of cottages. At the end of Cross Lane, where a narrower road leads to Holcombe Hill is a well in the drystone wall. On the left at the

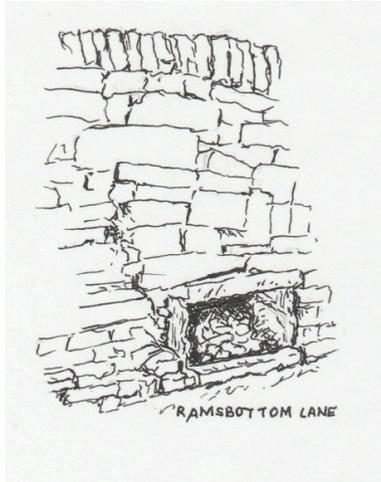




bottom of Rawson's Rake, which descends from Holcombe church past the old vicarage towards Ramsbottom town centre, there was a well in the wall. (Even up to the 1950s the Rake was still surfaced with small stones

rather than tarmac.) There were many others in the town including wells on Rostron Road and a spring known as Judith's Spout near the Old Mill Hotel supplied water that was considered pure enough to be bottled and sold. Beyond the hotel, where the path turns right towards Dickfield there was a well on the left hand side and on Stubbins Lane a well provided water for families in nearby cottages. There was a spring at Tagg Wood, many more springs in Redisher Woods and farms on both





sides of the valley obtained their water from springs and wells on their land..

There are two very well-known wells in outlying districts: Waugh's Well on the moors above Edenfield was built in 1866 to commemorate the Lancashire dialect poet Edwin Waugh .whose poems describe everyday life. (His most famous poem is *Come Home to the Children an' Me*).Robin Hood's Well at Helmshore lies beside the pilgrims' route to Whalley. Its name probably has a connection to May Day celebrations when people gathered on the first day of May to celebrate the coming of Spring with plays and games. Although the

central figure of the celebrations was Robin Hood this happy event also had a religious connection to death and resurrection.

Zena Middleton

COBDEN MILL

Cobden Mill, on the corner of Kay Brow and Square Street, was built in the mid to late 19th century. In the Bury Times of 2nd November 1878, the Cobden Mill Company is listed as running 165 looms at Cobden Mill. The Ramsbottom Industrial Manufacturing Co Ltd were the occupiers as cotton manufacturers in 1883 with Edward Barnes as Manager and James Wm Cunliffe as Secretary ¹. By 1887 Stephen Dugdale and Co was at Cobden Mill running 659 looms and producing "printings, shirtings and jacconetts" and the company is also listed at 15, Dickenson Street, Manchester ². The Rate Assessment for Tottington Lower End 1892 lists the occupier of the mill's weaving shed as Star Mill – Ramsbottom Co-op and in 1893 there is a reference to the Star Mill Company, "for whom the extensive Cobden Mill premises have been enlarged, readjusted and fully equipped" ³. In 1904 The Star Manufacturing Co Ltd/Star Mill Company operated at Union Mill which was one of the co-operative mills that belonged to the Ramsbottom Provident and Industrial Society so Cobden Mill may have been built

as a co-operative mill. (Star Mill Co Ltd is recorded in a 1910 valuation list as the occupiers and the Ramsbottom Co-operative Society the owners of a “Square Street weaving shed” and there is no mention of Cobden Mill in Kelly’s Directories of 1913 and 1924.)

During World War II Cobden Mill was used by two businesses doing war work. On the ground floor was William Eccles towel weaving mill supplying towels for hospital and army use while on the top floor Kurt Engel had started the Temple Manufacturing Company producing covered wire, some of which was for the Admiralty ⁴. William Eccles (Ramsbottom) Ltd was also at Cobden Mill in 1962 manufacturing “all classes of white and coloured towels and terry cloths” ⁵ and there is a 1967 reference to Globe Products Ltd (chemicals) there.

Parts of the mill were converted into apartments in 2002 and 2005. The weaving shed was demolished in 2005 leaving the wall along Kay Brow. The wall is now gone and the weaving shed site is being redeveloped for housing.

Kath Haddock

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In May 2015, Rosemary Gibb contacted RHS through the website’s “Questions and Answers” page to ask about Cobden Mill. A family friend, George Altham who died in 1995 having lived at 5, Mayfield Road, Holcombe Brook had been the owner of Cobden Mill and Ms Gibb wonders what year he sold it. If you have this information or if you can tell us anything else about the history of the mill, please let us know.

THE RAMSBOTTOM URBAN DISTRICT IN THE LATE 1960s

The following introduction, photographs and table with its list of Ramsbottom industries have been extracted from a college dissertation which was written well over forty years ago. We are very grateful to Mr Geoff Herbert for giving us permission to use his wife Nancy's work in this way and for allowing the Society to copy the dissertation in full. It can be accessed in our archive.

INTRODUCTION

The Urban District of Ramsbottom, which became part of Bury with council reorganisation in 1974, covered quite a large area with a total population of over 14,000. The urban area included the centre of Ramsbottom plus a number of surrounding villages mainly joined to the town centre by ribbon development along the main roads. These include such places as Edenfield, Shuttleworth and Holcombe which are all situated on the hillsides above Ramsbottom and others along the Irwell valley: Summerseat, Stubbins and Holcombe Brook.

Over two thirds of the primary industries of Ramsbottom at the time were connected with textiles. Many of these had been recently established or were extensions to existing establishments in the surrounding area. The majority of the industries were in the main urban centre of Ramsbottom although the fringe areas, especially along the valley, had mainly developed from the erection of a cotton mill which would then be followed by mill houses and a chapel. Such small industrial settlements could be found in many parts of the area.

The population of Ramsbottom had many of the characteristics of a small textile town in the Rossendale area, in that there was only a small turnover in employment in the town and the people seemed more content in their work than those in larger industrial areas. This point was referred to by a managing director of a paper mill with branches at Bolton and Little Lever. He said that they had less trouble with the mill at Ramsbottom concerning employees than at the other two branches of the firm. These characteristics seemed to be a continuation, especially with the older generation, of the early cotton industry when pride was taken in the work. This was probably due to the close knit community in the older part of Ramsbottom where everyone knew everyone else in a similar way to rural communities.

A major new stage in housing development began in the early 1960s so the population was continuing to expand with the growth of private housing estates. About eight private building firms had bought land from the area's farmers who found it more profitable to sell their land at £1,000 plus per acre for building rather than keeping pace with farming on a small scale. Agricultural land was only valued at about £100 per acre and they were also risking compulsory purchase with the land being bought at a much lower sum than it would be if sold privately for development. The new housing estates were growing up on the edges of the urban district especially in the Holcombe Brook area where enough new homes were built to provide a shopping centre. A residential dormitory area had grown up there and the majority of the inhabitants were involved with travelling out of Ramsbottom for their work.

Industries in Ramsbottom in the late 1960s- 5+ employed

Textiles

Weaving and Spinning

Spinning	Geo. Clegg (1920) Dearden Clough Mill, Edenfield.
Spinning	Edenfield Spinning Co. Hope Mill.
Spinning & Weaving	Field Mill Ltd. Kenyon Street.
Spinning & Weaving	Joshua Hoyle and Sons (Bac.) Brooksbottom Mill.



Rose Mill

Spinning	Westwill Ltd. Bolton Street Mill.
Weaving	Lawrence Stead and Bros. Irwell Bridge Mill
Spinning & Weaving	Porritt and Spencer Stubbins Vale Mill
Towels	Grove Towel Co. Waterside Mill, Kenyon Street.
Towels	Jas. Holden and Son Holcombe Brook.
Towel	Geo. Ramsbottom Rose Mill, Irwell Street.
Candlewick	Messrs Shepherds Crow Meadow Mill.
Jersey	Eden (Knitwear) Ltd. Buchanan Street.
Industrial textiles	Smith and Nephew (M/c) Stubbins Lane.
Needlefelt	Andrew Ashworth & Sons Ramsbottom Mill, Crow Lane.
Felt	Prefabricated Felts Bridge Mills, Edenfield.
Felt	Tunstead Needle Felt Co. Chatterton Mills.
Tufted Carpets	Holmbury Carpets, Holme Mill.
Finishing	Turnbull and Stockdale, Stubbins.

Dyeing and Printing

(BDA)

T Robinson & Co. Hope Works, Bolton Road North.
Summerseat Dyeing Company.
Woodhey Dyeing Company Holcombe Brook.
E. Turnbull and Co. Eden Wood Mill, Stubbins.

Hand Block Printing



Square Works

Textile associates

Printing Machinery	Woods Engineering, Garden Street.
Textile & Wallpaper Machinery	John Spencer, Hazelhurst Engraving Works.
Soap	Kay Ltd. Soap Works, Kenyon Street.
Chemicals	Globe Products Ltd. Cobden Mill.
Chemicals	F. Haworth (ARC) Kenyon Street.
Industrial Mixers	Joshua Greaves and Sons Atlas Works, Square Street.
Wire Manufacture	F.D. Sims Hazelhurst Works.
Insulation	Hazelhurst Insulation, Woodhey Road, Holcombe Brook.
Silencers	Messrs Chadwick & Wright Redisher Works.
Metal	Fred Mason Garden Street.
Springs	R. Mather Crow Lane Spring Works.
Bed Headboards	Stockton Brothers Railway Street.
Wood Boxes	Metcalf Brothers Prince Street.
Paper	Trinity Paper Mills Ltd. Peel Bridge.



Square Works

Builders and Contractors

J.H.Haworth and Co.	Kenyon Street.
John Castle	Longsight Saw Mill, Holcombe Brook.
Messrs Duckworth and Wilson	Crow Lane Works

	Messrs T.L.Foster Peel Bridge.
	Hillary Bros. Ltd. Building Contractors, Stubbins Lane.
	E. Isherwood and Co. (Timber) Kay Brow Saw Mills
	H. Wolstenholme and Son, Guide Saw Mills, Edenfield.
Plant Hire	Eddison Plant Ltd. Dundee Lane.
	United Ground Scout Moor Quarry, Turn.
	United Ground Fletcher Bank Quarry.
Coach & Haulage	Messrs Haworth, Schofield Ltd. Gollinrod.
Haulage	F. Sheard 18 Brooklands Road Holcombe, Brook.
Haulage	F. Stringfellow (1954) The Garage, Whalley Road.
Wholesale Butcher	J.C. Greenwood Lower Fowl Cotes Farm, Holcombe Brook.
Caterers	Pinders of Ramsbottom, 20 Bridge Street.
	Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary, Shuttleworth.
	Army Western Command, Holcombe Ranges.
	Lancashire Constabulary, Crow Lane.
	Ramsbottom Urban District Council
	Manchester Education Dept. Summerseat Special School.
	Bury and Rossendale Hospital. Aitken Sanitorium.
	Ramsbottom Cottage Hospital.
Tailor	J. Novak, Market Place.
Supermarket	Henry Halstead (Grocer) Palatine Works, Union Street.
Chemist	Melvin Crawshaw, 1 Bolton Street.
Furniture	Isherwoods (Furnishers), 44 Bolton Street.
Bank	The Manager, Martins Bank, 9 Bridge Street.

Note from editor: The photographs of Square Works (built by the Grants in 1821-2) have been extracted from another part of Nancy's dissertation. They show that much of the building existed at the time of her research. The site is now occupied by TNT."

Nancy Herbert (née Sellers)

LOCAL RESEARCH

The Heritage Society cannot offer a research service. The following could be approached:

Bury Archives, Moss Street, Bury, BL9 0DG email: archives@bury.gov.uk or tel: **0161 253 6782**

Opening Hours Please note that the Archives are closed each day between 1pm and 2pm and that the latest time to produce records is 4.30pm (weekdays):

Tuesday	10am - 5pm	Thursday	10am - 5pm
Wednesday	10am - 5pm	Friday	10am - 5pm
Saturday	10am - 4.30pm		

Visitors are free to use finding aids, online archives resources or to speak to a member of staff but are advised to make an appointment if they wish to consult archive documents. Collections held include records relating to local authorities, public bodies, schools, churches, businesses, trade unions, political parties, sports clubs, social organisations, family papers, deeds, maps and plans and indexes to local parish registers including Ramsbottom. Our catalogues are online at <http://archives.bury.gov.uk> as 'Bury Archives Catalogue' We run an enquiry service, offering 15 minutes staff time free. For longer enquiries we charge £15.00 hour. The Ramsbottom Heritage Society's Collection, including photographs, is on permanent loan to Bury Archives.

Bury Local & Family History Service, Moss Street, Bury, BL9 0DR: information@bury.gov.uk or tel **0161 253 7047** has publications on local history, historical printed works of local interest such as trade directories, older OS maps for the whole of Bury MBC (including Ramsbottom), microfilmed copies of local newspapers, thematic collections of news cuttings worth pursuing for local biographies, census returns and parish registers (microfilm). Indexes for local church registers, including Ramsbottom are also held. A direct link to Bury Libraries catalogue (which lists local history items held in all the borough's libraries) is at <http://library.bury.gov.uk> - follow 'Libraries and Archives' and then 'Search the library catalogue'.

. Free access to the *Ancestry* databases is available in all Bury Council's libraries. Please phone for details of other family history advice services.

Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society; Membership entitles you to 4 magazine issues, an opportunity to publish your research queries and findings, and meetings each month with speakers at venues all over the county, including Bury and Rawtenstall. Also one branch in London. More information is available on www.lfhhs.org.uk.

Ramsbottom Library and Adult Learning Centre, Carr Street BL0 9AE tel **0161 253 5352** email: Ramsbottom.lib@bury.gov.uk

The library boasts an IT suite, with a visually impaired and disabled friendly workstation, back copies of the Ramsbottom Observer 1890-1950 on film and a microfiche reader. Some transcriptions of local church registers, census returns, several filing drawers of local news-cuttings and booklets and Hume Elliot's history are also available. Family history help sessions are held on the 3rd Monday of the month 1pm to 5pm and advice is available at other times by appointment.

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