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Objects of the Society

The Society was formed in 1959 and one of its most important objects is:-

"...securing the protection from disfigurement or injury of the countryside and rural surroundings and amenities of the Parishes of Hitcham and Taplow....".

The Society therefore scrutinises many Planning Applications and Appeals and makes constructive comments when appropriate; it also gives evidence at Local Planning Enquiries.

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EDITORIAL

This issue of the Newsletter is the 50th. Fifty is, perhaps, not very many, but we think sufficient to serve a recognised useful purpose which is to foster the aims of the Society.

We hope that our readers will find our devotion to Footpaths and Bridleways interesting and useful. We owe much to Philip Cooley who prepared the Map and assured us of the best possible representation of the subject which can be made without colour. Richard Nutt took and processed the photographs.

And so on to the hundredth Newsletter, when we hope neither map nor photographs will have lost their relevance.

Note. The map can be found at the back of the Newsletter on a fold-out sheet; the photographs are opposite it.

MISCELLANY

An Investigation into the History of Social Drinking in Taplow

Would your bitter taste better if you drank it from a seven-pint Aurex horn with a gilt rim? Would you drink more quickly if your tumbler really tumbled when you tried to stand it on the bar?

These were among the questions which crossed the minds of Taplow residents last June as they learnt of the drinking habits of their village predecessors of 1,370 years ago. The occasion was the Society's expedition to see the Taplow Treasure in its new display at the British Museum. After travelling together by coach, the party split into two groups, each in turn being given a most interesting presentation by Mrs East who had addressed the 1983 Annual General Meeting of the Society.

Most of the party had previously seen pictures of the remarkable artifacts which had been buried with Tappa in the Taplow Tumulus, or even the Treasure itself. But the expedition to see the new display, far better lit and mounted, was very worth-while. A social drinker Tappa may have been, but dressed up for important occasions, he must have been an imposing sight. Besides the drinking horn, the item which attracted the admiration of all, was the magnificent buckle, beautifully worked, exquisitely decorated and made of solid gold.

(HL)

Party at Cliveden

After two previous occasions when the weather was less than favourable - quite awful in fact - we reckoned that we were due for a really fine evening this year for the party at the Cliveden Orangery.

On the afternoon of 21st June, Midsummer Day, it seemed that history was about to repeat itself, but the skies cleared just enough to allow a number of members and friends to inspect the replanting of The Hanging Woods guided by Mr Cotton, Cliveden's Head Gardener.

Snacks and good wine provided by the Committee completed the evening. A leisurely pace seemed to be particularly appreciated and, though it was not possible to stroll in the Cliveden grounds in comfort, the Orangery is always a pleasant place for a social gathering.

Our thanks to Mr & Mrs Kennedy of the National Trust, who allowed the invasion, to Mr Cotton and to the Society's Committee.

(HL)

Party at Hitcham House

Some of the new residents at Hitcham House organised, at very short notice, an afternoon and evening party in aid of "Live Aid" charities. It was held on Sunday 3rd August, which was one of the days when it rained from breakfast time to nearly midnight so the outdoor activities were a little damp. There was Archery on the lawn, a barbeque, a flying display, a disco and other activities, some of which were rained off. The cost was £12 a head and despite the dismal day, a donation of over £250 was made.

If a similar event was organised next Summer, would you be interested in being told about it?

Note. The Editor has yet to advise, on any topic, that "this correspondence must now close"!

Anti-Matter

Today, no matter where one goes at home or abroad, there is no escape from litter, and its close relative, Graffiti.

Wherever there are walls, often beautiful stone walls, damage (sometimes permanent) is done with the contents of aerosol sprays. This is not a problem exclusive to cities and large towns, as it can be found in the smallest country village.

Likewise, litter is everywhere in ditches and gullies, in gutters and on paths. In the world of instant pre-packed everything, rubbish has to be disposed of instantly. When the take-away meal is finished or the new pack of cigarettes is opened, away with the paper or plastic - drop it on the ground or throw it out of the car window. Where it goes or what it lands on does not matter, it has been disposed of instantly. Oh! these wretched people who drop litter which blows into my garden or across my path as I walk along.

Why should I pick it up, as of course I do? We should all remember that there is nothing demeaning in picking up litter, only in creating it!

Springfield Boat Yard

I have been asked by several residents who live in the vicinity of the Boatyard for further news on its future.

The Boatyard is, as expected, being used for hiring holiday cruisers. The Council has had the trees bordering the site lopped and this has been noted as an improvement to the road. The original corrugated iron buildings are still on the land between the Boathouse and the Bridge. We have been assured that these buildings will continue to be used for storage, as at present, for as long as they remain in good condition. After that time it is most likely that the developers who have purchased this site will apply for permission to build on this land.

The Executive Committee are keeping a close watch on the situation and are liaising with Maidenhead on this project.

(BME)

Aircraft Noise - With a Difference

We were sitting enjoying a cup of tea and a slice of delicious cake at Kiftsgate, in fashionable Gloucestershire, after an idyllic day's outing to see the old-fashioned roses at their best, in good weather. The only noise that morning, which drowned the appreciative 'Oohs' and 'Ahs' of our party of gardeners, was an occasional fighter plane practising low runs over Hidcote.

Then came an ear-splitting noise that nearly dashed the tea from our hands in fright and only just left the chimneys of Kiftsgate Court in place, a fearsome roar of jet engines overhead which might easily have sent a self-respecting decibel counter rushing for cover.

"We complain about aircraft noise from Heathrow" I said.

"The cows don't even look up now" answered my opposite neighbour from Chipping Camden.

"We used to complain" added his wife, "then along came the Falklands, and

we realised how important it was for England to have a strong detergent"!
(sic).

(CJLC)

PLANNING

Introduction

The remarks below are based on selected minutes of several committees - mainly the Planning & Development Committee - of the South Bucks District Council. They also take account of representations and comments made by the Society and, occasionally, by its members acting individually. The Newsletter is normally several months behind in giving this information but a factor in the selection is the likelihood of the information not otherwise coming to the notice of members.

The Bath Road between Maidenhead and Burnham

Tentative draft proposals for improvements to A4 between Maidenhead and Burnham were considered in April 1985. These consist of widening and of measures to avoid cross traffic movement. At present a dual carriage-way is not being considered.

The Committee noted that, at Berry Hill, the improvements would involve construction work in the open countryside on land which was Green Belt and formed part of a parkland setting of a residential development. The Committee considered that an improvement was required but that a proposal should be sought requiring less land.

For the Hitcham Road Junction, the Committee welcomed the proposal for 'no right turn'. A 'left turn only' junction was also proposed at the meeting of Approach Road and A4.

Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following Planning Applications; (the SBD numbers quoted below refer to the South Bucks District plan numbers):-

- SBD 888/84. Delecardo, River Road. One chalet style dwelling, access from Ellington Road - Refused.
- SBD 891/84 Burwood House, Taplow Common Road. Conversion of car port to staff accomodation & erection of new garaging - Conditional Permission.
- SBD 954/84. New Taplow Paper Mill. Change of use of one end bay of existing warehouse to vehicle maintenance - Deferred for legal agreement.
- SBD 955/84. New Taplow Paper Mill. Outline application for erection of shed and covered area for waste paper baling - Deferred for legal agreement.
- SBD 1104/84. Maidenhead Autos. Use of land for temporary storage of new cars. Planning Appeal lodged.
- SBD 23/85. Les Chimeres (formerly Crosswinds), River Road. Two storey extension - Conditional Permission.
- SBD 70/85. Cliveden. Overflow car park - Conditional Permission.
- SBD 87/85. Waterville, River Road. Single storey extension - Conditional Permission.
- SBD 134/85. Cloverdown House, Hitcham Lane. Alterations to vehicular access and erection of new boundary wall - Conditional Permission.

SBD 143/85. Rossville, Marsh Lane. Two storey extension to form garage and playroom - Conditional Permission.

SBD 219/85. Norfolk Guest House, Bath Road. Alteration to access and new front wall - Conditional Permission.

SBD 229/85. Boundary Road Farm Riding and Livery Stables. Continued use of mobile home - Renewed.

SBD 270/85. Cedar Lodge, Hedsor Lane. Extension and alteration - Conditional Permission.

SBD 297/85. Rhone Villa & Elm Cottage, Bath Road. Conversion to four flats - Deferred for legal agreement.

SBD 347/85. The Lindens, Rectory Road. Single storey extension and porch - Conditional Permission.

SBD 647 & 648/85. Cliveden. Change of use to hotel etc - Conditional Permission.

SBD 649, 650 & 651/85. No 3 Triangle Cottages, No 1 Taplow Lodge & Windsor Cottage. Change of use to multiple occupation - Conditional Permission.

Environmental Control Committee

At its meeting on 12/6/85, it was decided that proceedings were to be taken, under the Prevention of Pests Act 1949, against the owner of Rowsley, River Road.

Planning & Development Committee

At its meeting on 29/5/85, it was decided to serve an Enforcement Notice on the owner of land at Mill Lane about the unauthorised erection of livery stables, stationing of a caravan and erection of a fence.

At its meeting on 26/6/85, it was decided to serve an Enforcement Notice on the owner of land South of British Rail Main Line, Amerden Lane, River Road about the unauthorised erection of a stable/horse shelter. An Enforcement Notice Appeal was lodged by Soundmill Studios about the use of Abbots Wood Mill, Heathfield Road as recording studios.

Housing Services Committee

At its meeting on 6/6/85, it was decided to provide a Discretionary Grant to The Lodge, Boundary Road, subject to submission of rated application.

Some Recent Applications and the Society's Views

SBD 339/85. Wickenden, Cliveden Road. Extension and wall - No Comment.

SBD 713/85. Thames Water, Sheepcote Woods. Underground structures and access roads - Objection

SBD 689/85. Orchard, High St. Extension - No comment.

SBD 629/85. Marley (Payless), Bishop Centre. Shop front alteration - Objection.

SBD 630/85. Maidenhead Autos. Redevelopment for showroom and storage with deck on top for parking cars - Viewed with alarm, objection (see below for further details).

SBD 602/85. Bridge Cottage, Bath Road. Change of use to guest house - No comment.

SBD 578/85. Half Acre, Ellington Road. Granny flat - No comment.

New Works at the Bishop Centre

Richard Nutt has written to the District Council, in his private capacity, drawing attention to the considerable activity there which does not appear to have been stringently evaluated by the Planning Committee.

Maidenhead Autos, Bath Road - SBD 630/85

Anthony Hickman, on behalf of the Society, petitioned the District Council to refuse this application for an extended car show room frontage on the Bath Road, with rooftop parking. In particular, the Society hopes that no sales frontage be allowed on Berry Hill, where the hedge must be retained and protected at all costs.

MINUTIAE

Some relevant items from recent Executive Committee Minutes:-

Boundary Road Trees. Attention to nurture recently planted trees has been organised. Persons unknown have planted two or three more.

Station Flower Beds. Maintenance, through voluntary effort, continues.

Litter. Clearance is a responsibility of the District Council which has promised to co-operate by removing bags of litter collected by the Society's helpers. Remember that there is nothing demeaning in removing litter, only in creating it.

Aircraft Noise. The Society continues to correspond with the interested parties. If, at times, this seems unrewarding, the situation might be worse if the Society didn't.

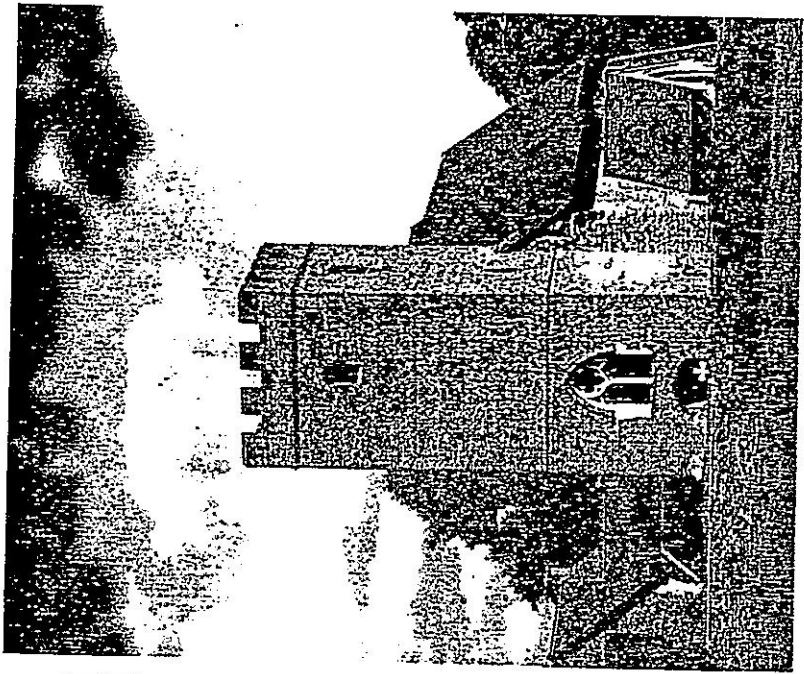
TAILPIECE

Street Name Changes

The report that the residents of one particular street in Taplow had been considering changing its name, provoked one of our members into wondering if the idea should be extended.....



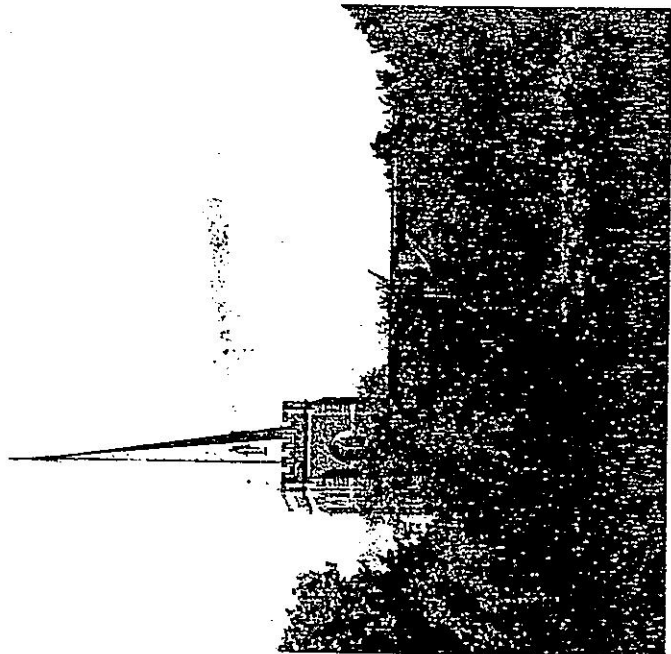
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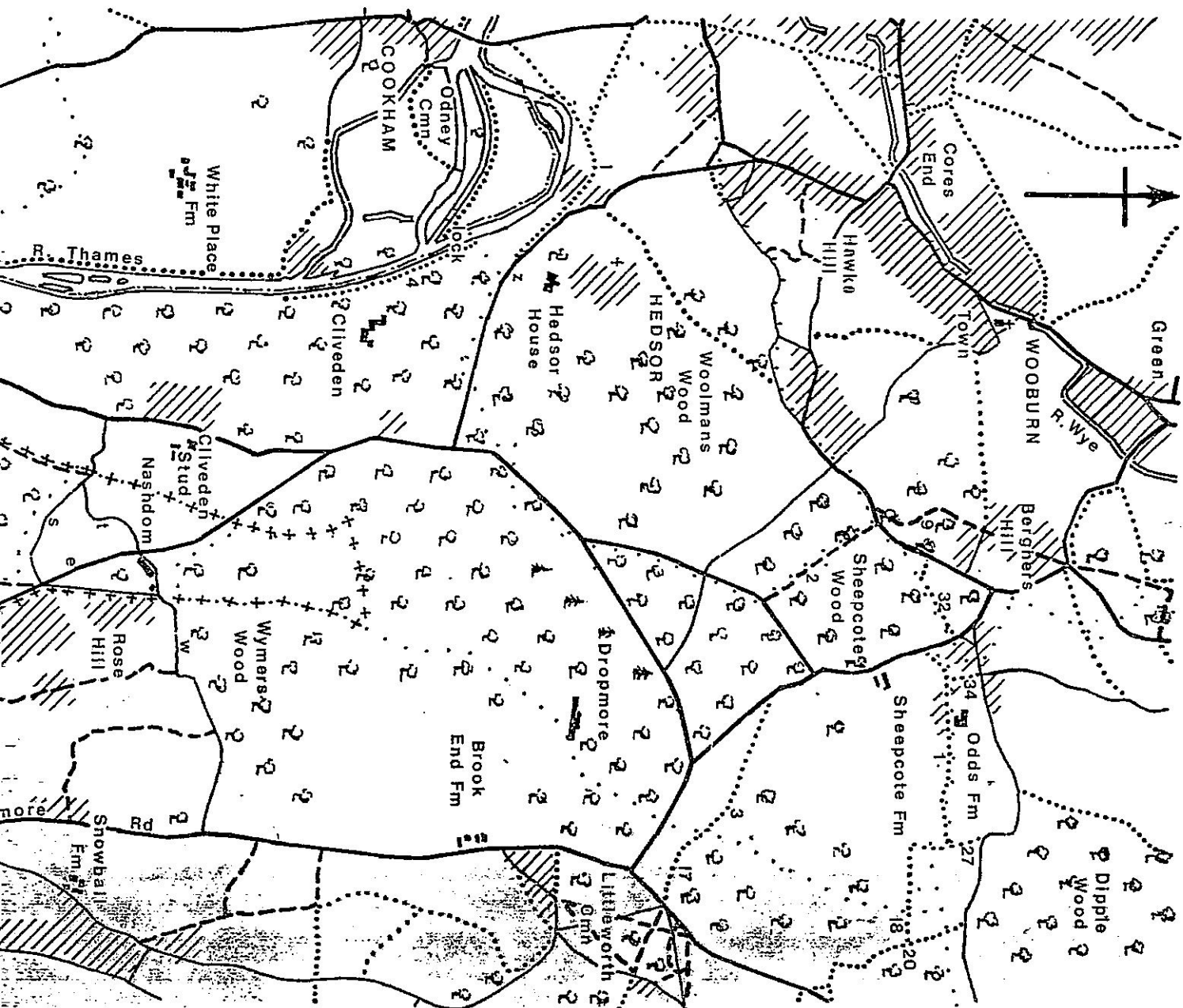
Hitcham Church - a view from the saddle.
(Taplow Bridleway Number 6.)



Black Hole
Outer Space? Calcutta?
Just Taplow Footpath Number 9.

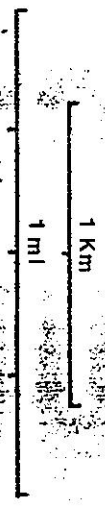


Taplow Church
seen from Taplow Footpath Number 10.



TAPLOW and HITCHAM FOOTPATH MAP

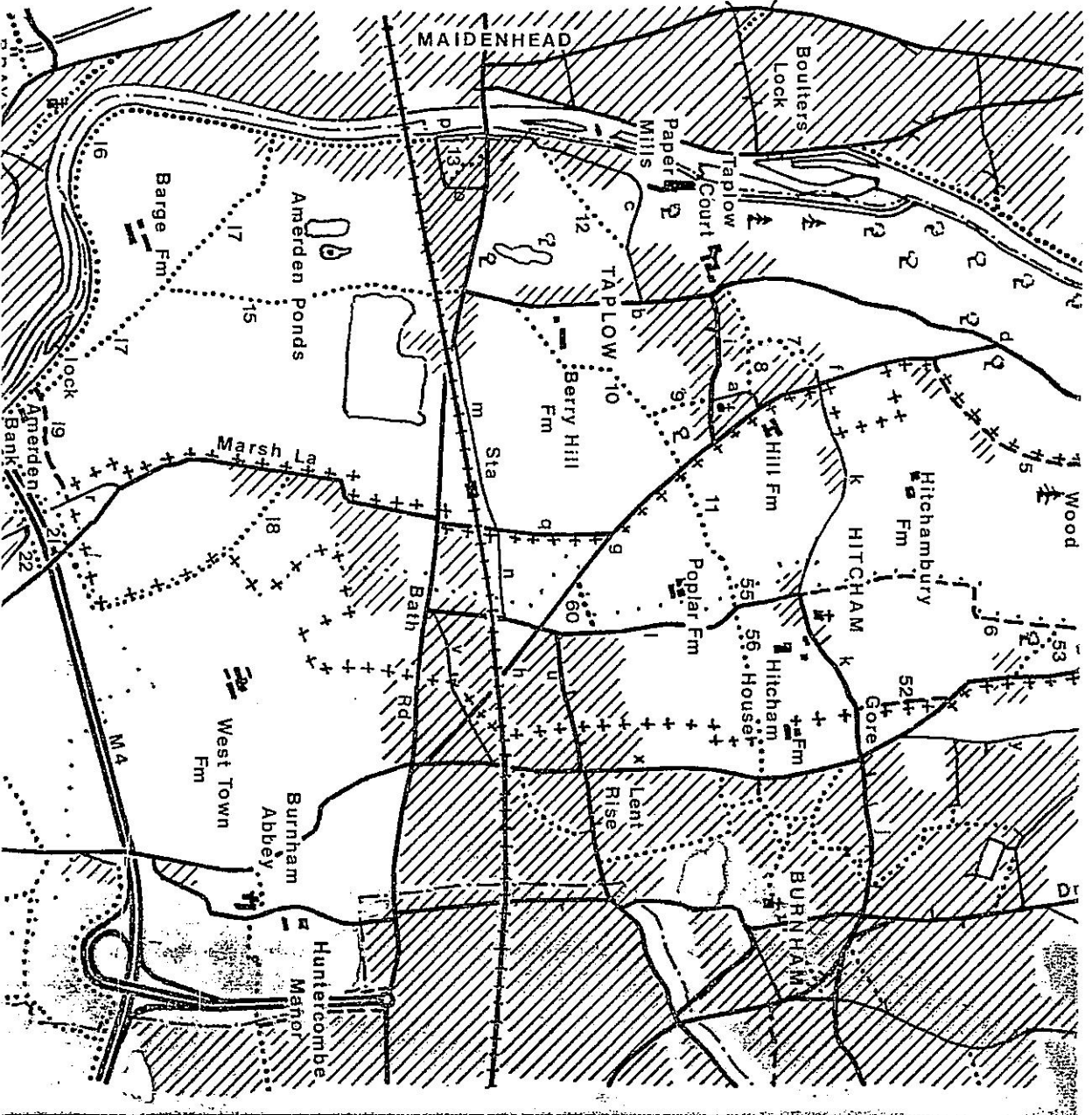
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- Hitcham Eccl. Parish ++++
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NAMES OF PATHS AND ROADS
Shown by numbers or letters on the Map
(Former names in brackets)

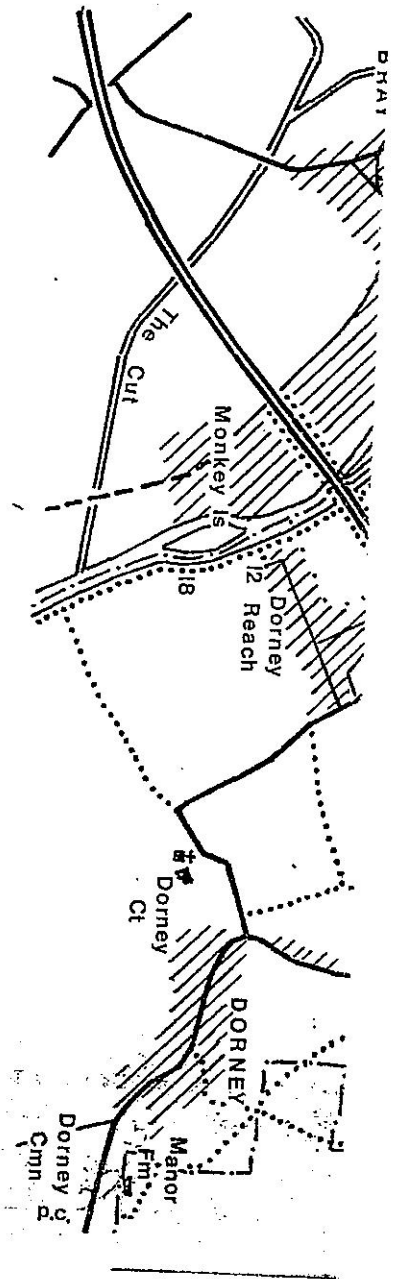
Paths
(Only Paths with names are shown below):

5. Hunt's Lane
7. (Buffsins)
8. (Pater noster)
10. (Ropey Path)
11. (Hummers)
12. (Church Path)
18. (Cockney Hatch Lane)



Roads

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| a. High Street | (Pykle Lane) |
| b. Berry Hill | (Town Lane, Barrow Hill) |
| c. Mill Lane | (Mill Road) |
| d. Cliveden Road | (Common Lane) |
| e. Taplow Common Road | (Burnham Road) |
| f. Hill Farm Road | (Back Lane?) |
| g. Boundary Road | (Green Lane) |
| h. Taplow Road | |
| i. Rectory Road | (Church Lane) |
| j. Gore Road | |
| k. Hitcham Lane | (Coldgrove Lane) |
| l. Hitcham Road | (Windsor Road) |
| m. Approach Road | |
| n. Institute Road | |
| o. Ellington Road | |
| p. River Road | |
| q. Station Road | (Green Lane) |
| r. Old Marsh Lane | (Marsh Lane) |
| s. Hunt's Wood Lane | (Parliament Lane?) |
| t. Parliament Lane | |
| u. Eastfield Road | |
| v. Hag Hill Lane | |
| w. Nashdom Lane | |
| x. Lent Rise Road | |



- Y. WYMER'S WOOD ROAD
- Z. HEDSDR HILL

Which is Pyeman's Way Lane - described as
 "passing Whitelaw's Home leading to Bray Lock"?

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