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Your ref:
Date: 9 December 1983

Chief Executive
of the County Council
W. U. Jackson

Dear Madam

Thank you for your letter of 4 December about the tip site adjacent to Hoo Junction.

My officers have for some time been pressing British Uralite, the occupiers of this land, to deal more satisfactorily with the wastes tipped there. Their activities are however covered by a waste disposal licence, and the materials you see are permitted.

Unfortunately it seems the pond is afforded no protection, being merely part of the total area allocated for tipping i.e., all the land between the railway and the old canal.

I am sorry if this answer is not the one you would wish to receive, but it does truly represent the situation.

Yours faithfully

for County Surveyor

[Thanked. Informed them of letter to Kent Trust. 10.1.1984]

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10 January 1984

The Chairman,
Kent Trust for Nature Conservation,
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Dear Mr. Wilks,

Pond at Hoo railway junction

For a number of years I have travelled between Canterbury and Greenwich and have taken pleasure in the pond (small lake almost) beside the staff halt at Hoo. There are bullrushes round its edge and I have seen a swan's nest and moorhens there.

Unfortunately, I have also observed the advance of black waste material upon this rather special pond and enclose a copy of a letter upon the subject from the Kent County Council. Messrs. British Waste are wholly within their rights as far as tipping is concerned. It occurred to me that

They might be prevailed upon to spare the pond if the Trust were to approach them on its behalf. One might find allies in the staff of British Rail at Hoo Junction, since wooden landing stages (and notices) lead me to conclude that the pond may be fished by anglers amongst them.

The black tide seems to be hastening its advance, so that time is an important factor if something is to be done. I am normally available on Budge (0227) 830.201, Thursday to Sunday supposing you wished to discuss the matter.

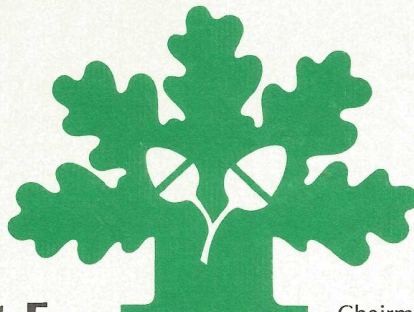
Yours sincerely,

Ann Shirley (Savours)

Copy to: Administration Officer, 125 High St. Rainham, Kent

POOL
at
HOO
JUNCTION

Sent copy of corresp. to
Pondwatch organiser, Wild
fowl Trust, Slimbridge + £15
donation 23. ix. 89



**Kent Trust For
Nature Conservation**

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HMW/SMT

Mrs L G S Shirley
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17 January 1984

Dear Mrs Shirley

Thank you very much for your letter of 10 January 1984. I have no idea as to what we can do, but I will certainly see whether it is practicable to control the enthusiasm of British Uralite.

Thank you for bringing the matter to our attention.

Yours sincerely

Hector M Wilks
Chairman





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Chief Executive
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Dear Madam

Pond at Hoo Junction

As a postscript to my letter of 9 December I am pleased to be able to offer perhaps a little more optimism than I was at the time.

My Licensing Officer has had a site meeting with the Company's representative about various matters I considered needed attention and from that meeting has come the assurance that the situation you observed is to be improved gradually, starting at once, and the improvement maintained for several years.

The thick black tide you mentioned turns out to be a mixture of roofing felt and other bituminous wastes. British Uralite have now installed plant to re-cycle these materials as they arise. A certain over-capacity at the plant enables them to remove some from the stockpiles for processing and therefore we can look forward to the 'tide' receding, albeit slowly.

Although it is the case that the lakes are in the permitted tipping area, my officers were assured that it is not the Company's intention to infill that zone until all other parts of the site are completed, and that could be a number of years, especially as the removal of the bitumen will create re-usable space.

I hope you are to some extent reassured by this news.

Yours faithfully

for County Surveyor

Little Bridge Place

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Canterbury, Kent CT4

18 January 1984

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The Chairman
Kent Trust for
Nature Conservation.

Dear Mr Wilks,

Thank you for your letter of yesterday's
date. By the same post I received the
enclosed somewhat encouraging letter from
the KCC. who have been in touch with British
Uralite.

It occurred to me that the Trust
might be able to buy the pool. A discussion
with the firm ~~might~~ would reveal whether it
is their intention to restore the landscape
eventually (something with which we might
perhaps help) and therefore providing a further
motive for the retention of the pool.

Yours sincerely

Ann Shirley

Copy of Royal Society lecture programme enclosed.



**Kent Trust For
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3 February 1984

Mrs Ann Shirley
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Dear Mrs Shirley,

Mr Wilkes has passed to me copies of your letters concerning the pond at Hoo junction.

It is most unlikely that KTNC could consider protecting this pool, particularly as it is in the permitted tipping area and will eventually be reclaimed. We do, however, consult with KCC and the owners of such sites on proposals to landscape the areas after infilling is completed, and I hope to do so in this particular case.

Yours sincerely,

Penny Evans

Penny Evans
Conservation Officer



£8m polar museum plan for Cambridge

THE FIRST purpose-built museum dedicated to the Arctic and Antarctic is being planned by the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge. It will cost £8 million and a working committee has been set up to raise money with the help of a specialist American firm.

Cambridge University has agreed to set aside land in Madingley Road, near the British Antarctic Survey headquarters, and British Petroleum has offered £50,000 for architectural work.

Toshiba, the Japanese electronics firm, has also shown interest, said Dr Robin Williams, head of the Sea Ice group at the institute. He and Dr Peter Wadham, director of the institute, are behind the planned museum which they hope will open in 1993.

It will offer "a total polar experience", said Dr Williams. There will be emphasis on environmental issues and he was confident it would attract many of the three million visitors to Cambridge each year.

"We will be offering an educational experience which we hope will have an appeal to a great cross-section of the population, from children to experts in the field, in much the same way that the Jorvik Viking Centre in York appeals to everybody," he said.

"I think most people want to know about things like the dangers of the ozone layer, what can be done about it and, perhaps more importantly, what will happen if we don't do something about it quickly."

Modern museum technology will help put the message across about subjects ranging from wildlife to pollution of the seas.

Visitors will be able to enter an environment chamber which can simulate the conditions of a polar blizzard. The physical hardships of Captain Scott's final expedition will also be brought to life.

It is an ambitious scheme which would be run in conjunction with a private company, said Dr Williams.

The institute would receive money to fund further research and also to improve "the finest polar library in the world".

Those who have agreed to join the development committee, due to sit for the first time in November, include Dr David Drewery, director of the British Antarctic Survey, Lord Shackleton, Sir Vivian Fuchs, Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Col John Blashford-Snell, Mr Wally Herbert and Lord Kennet, the late Sir Peter Scott's half-brother.

African

Daily Telegraph
18 Sept. 1989

1834 railway to reopen with steam

By Paul Stokes

STEAM is about to return to a mainline station in Cornwall after the Government's granting of a light railway order to a society formed six years ago.

It marks a successful campaign by 500 volunteers to reopen six-and-a-half miles of some of the oldest trackbed in Britain, built in 1834. It was last used by passengers in 1967 and by China clay goods trains in 1983.

From next Easter passengers will be able to travel the three-and-a-half miles from Bodmin General Station in the town centre to Bodmin Parkway, on the Penzance-Paddington line.

Previously, the Bodmin Railway Preservation Society had been restricted to 200 yards of track in the boundaries of the general station.

The society has formed the Bodmin and Wenford Railway Company to run five return services between the stations to connect with mainline trains.

Agreement has also been reached to move goods wagons to and from mainline sidings to a firm beside the railway on an industrial estate.

Trains will run again, on what was part of the Bodmin and Wadebridge railway, once work has been approved by the Railways Inspectorate. The line was built to carry fertiliser, sand and seaweed to inland farms.

The glow of hope for inner cities

A million candles symbolising hope returning to the inner cities will glow in every English parish this week, marking a drive for more than £1 million for the Church Urban Fund.

So far, £12 million has been raised toward the £80 million target which, over 20 years, will be used to help the most deprived cities and towns. The fund was launched last year.

River

From David Quinn. Copied to John
Williamson for Budge records.
Printed in Budge parish magazine

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At 5 o'clock in the morning of the 5th his Princely Highness Count Maurits went on board an English packet boat; a salvo was fired from the two castles and the little fort.

On the 6th we were merrily entertained by the younger Sir Arnold Braems with French wine and light refreshments.

On the 7th Mr. J. Thierry rode with his party to the seat of Monsr Nevu outside Dover and was, with other invited guests, well entertained.

In the afternoon of the 8th we had a farewell dinner in our lodgings with some friends and acquaintances and left Dover at 3 o'clock in a carriage, which Sir Arnold Braems had sent to take us to his delightful residence at Bridge, one hour's walk from Canterbury and 12 miles from Dover. Along a very pleasant road all the way, we passed Bethlem Church (?), Northfield (?) and saw Sandown Castle and the Downs below us on the right, and Whitfield on the left, passed through Waldershare and Womenswold, then past Barham up on the hill and through Kingston and Bishopsbourne in the valley, on to the estate of Sir Arnold Braems, also down in the valley. We arrived there at 8 o'clock in the evening to a friendly welcome and were magnificently entertained, and drank quite a few good healths with sack.

On the 9th we played on the bowling green on the hill near Sir Arnold Braems's place.

On the 10th we saw a hart shot with a crossbow in the deerpark of Sir Arnold Braems; everybody, especially the ladies, washed their hands in the warm blood, to get white hands. The hart was immediately gutted and cut up into quarters.

On the 11th a venison pie and other dishes of the hart were on the menu. After the meal I walked to Canterbury and explored the town.

On the 12th we rode in two carriages with Sir Arnold Braems and Mr. Adriaens of London and several ladies to Canterbury and went to the cathedral to hear the canons sing the prayers and looked at the sepulchres or gravestones of kings, bishops, and other notables, some very old and much ravaged by age and war. In the recent troubles between the king and parliament, Oliver Cromwell had here, as elsewhere throughout the country, everything which looked like popery, such as glass, statues, crosses and the like, in and on churches and other public buildings, torn down and broken to pieces.

Jan Maurits (1604-79), a nephew of Willem the Silent was a soldier and naval commander, governor of Brazil for the Dutch West Indies Company, etc., since 1647 also in Brandenburg diplomatic service. Founder of the Maurits House and art collection at the Hague.

a collection of rare antique curiosities, costumes of various nations and strange weapons, also fishes, plants, horns, shells, and many other things.

Our Departure from London

Thursday, the 8th, we took our leave at our lodgings and went over the Bridge to the Bear Inn, where some of our friends came and we had a farewell meal with them and drank some merry rounds. This place is at the corner of the bridge and has at the back a very pleasant view over the river. A fine decked barque lay there ready with six or seven oarsmen. At half past two in the afternoon we went on board with a large company, and so went from London down the river to Gravesend, where 12 or 13 warships were lying in the roadstead. We arrived there at half past six and went to stay at the Hen and Chickens, where we made good cheer with our friends deep into the night.

The 9th at 8 o'clock in the morning some of our friends took their leave, and we went by coach, and some of our friends on horseback, to Rochester and from there to Sittingbourne, where we had our midday meal at the White Hart. We continued our journey to Canterbury and in the evening took our lodgings there in the Lily, where many friends and acquaintances of Mr. J. Thierry, his correspondents, came to see him. All were entertained with a great meal, and rounds of farewells and healths were drunk into the night. Meanwhile word was sent to Sir Arnold Braems to let him know that we had arrived.

On the 10th September Sir Arnold came to our lodgings to welcome Mr. J. Thierry, and we had our breakfast with Mr. du Bois, a relation of Braems. We went on to Bridge, where we were sumptuously entertained in his great hall by Sir Arnold Braems with a large company of friends, ladies and gentlemen, and spent the afternoon in making good cheer and other pastimes, and left in the evening at 6 o'clock by coach for Dover. When we got there we were again merrily entertained by Mr. Walter Braems, the son of Sir Arnold Braems. We waited there till midnight for the tide to turn, when Mr. Thierry and his servant boarded the packet boat for Ostend, with the brother of Thomas Hill and the son of Voster, the postmaster of Dover. They had a strong favourable wind and arrived at Ostend early the next morning.

The 11th ditto, Sunday, the weather was bad and rainy all day. We went to the French Church, and at 5 o'clock in the afternoon Mr.

by him to Oxford, where they formed the foundation of the Ashmolean Museum. The tomb of John Ashmole the Elder is at St Mary's Church, Lambeth (see '*Ark to Ashmolean*', Ashmolean Museum and Tradescant Trust).

Thomas Hill and Mr. W. de Peyster left for London, having come all the way to see Mr. J. Thierry off.

On the 12th Mr. Jan Bollen, who had so far travelled with Mr. Jacques Thierry, rode at 11 o'clock in the morning to Rye, 30 miles from Dover, so we too left in the afternoon for Bridge, and safely arrived in the evening to a friendly welcome. Sir Arnold Braems gave us a room where we both could stay as long as we remained there, in fact we stayed for three months.

This estate of Sir Arnold Braems lies in a valley of outstanding beauty; it contains, in addition to his own fine residence, a large number of rooms, chambers, halls, and other good apartments; there is also a large deerpark with many deer and does, woods, a rabbit warren in the hills, and very beautiful, well kept pleasure grounds with fruit trees, well watered by a fast flowing, fresh sparkling stream of wonderfully clear sweet water. This splits up into several branches and rivulets, also some fishponds, in which a certain kind of fish called trout is bred, which is very similar to a large carp, and, prepared in the English manner, tastes very delicious. There are also some vineyards round the house and gardens, producing yearly two to three hogshead of wine. There is a dovecot like a chapel, in which are at all times so many young pigeons that throughout the whole summer and longer 12 to 14 dozen can be taken out every week to put into pies or prepared otherwise. His people go out hunting every day and catch a lot of partridges and pheasants, which we had every day on the table, besides a choice of other delicate food, all with the most delicious English sauces; there is an ample supply of drinks, different kinds of wine and perry, which is made from pears. He also has his own brewery, bakery, wine press, hop garden, barns, stables, oxen, cows, sheep, pigs, geese, ducks, corn and fruit, everything that one can desire in such an establishment. And because he is, with all this, so kind and hospitable, and keeps such a princely table, he has so many visits from noblemen, gentlemen and ladies, so that his table is always surrounded by his own people and outside guests. The church stands not far from his house, and he has the right to nominate a minister of his choice for it. He has planted a fine avenue of lime trees from his house to the church, under which one is protected from rain and sun. His lands and his annual income, which amounts to a considerable sum, had suffered much damage in the war between the king and parliament, but is now all restored to him. As we now had the freedom of the place we went walking and drawing every day in the countryside and in the villages in the neighbourhood as far as Canterbury. Sir Arnold Braems and his lady and others often went out hunting or driving in a carriage to visit friends in the neighbourhood, and Mr. Jacobi Thierry often went with them for his pleasure.

On the 6th October a general muster of seven or eight companies of the militia was held on the hill above Bishopsbourne, which lies at the bottom of the valley, each company 200 men strong. They were brought on and off, skirmishing in one or two groups, firing spiritedly at each other, commanded by numerous officers on horseback and on foot. They started in the morning, but had to stop it all towards evening because of strong winds and oncoming rain. All the men get a drink allowance to refresh themselves. This muster usually takes place about once a year. Every parish and household has to supply and arm as many men as it is able.

*Our Journey from Bridge to London
to see the election and show of the
New Lord Mayor*

Monday, the 7th November, at half past five in the morning we went in Sir Arnold Braems's coach from Bridge to Canterbury, and at 7 o'clock by the ordinary coach from there to Gravesend; we got to Sittingbourne at 1 o'clock and had our midday meal and refreshed ourselves. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon we passed through Rochester and arrived at half past six at Gravesend, where we found that almost all boats, barges, tiltboats, and lighthorsemen had gone taking people to London. We just managed to get the same waterman who had taken us to Margate and to London before, and went to the King's Head to refresh ourselves with mulled wine. We left at 8 o'clock in a prevoor, in bright moonshine and a favourable wind and tide, but soon the weather turned dirty and it started to rain. We arrived at London at 1 o'clock in the night, landed at Billingsgate and stayed at the Swan. The next day, the 8th November, we went at 7 o'clock in the morning to Mr. de Peyster and then to Sir Arnold Braems, whom we found still in bed, and then to Mr. Thomas Hill, who went with us to the river, and from there by boat to Paul's Wharf to a house with a view over the river, from where we could see all the elegant barges and everything which went on on the river. To get a still better view we took a rowing boat and had ourselves rowed through the crowd of all kinds of large and small craft up and down towards Westminster, and back again to Paul's Wharf; there was heavy rain in the morning, but the weather cleared up by 9 o'clock.