



BDHS Oral History Tapes – Additional Information

File Name/Type/Length/ Date of recording	Speaker	Summary
Tape 1 A – Mrs Reynolds (M4A) 13 min 55 7/3/1986	Mrs Reynolds of Cherry Tree Cottage, Telham, Battle. b. 1892	Memories of Crowhurst and Battle
Tape 1 B - Mr George Carey (M4A) 18 min 52 2/4/1986	Mr George Carey of 2 Sawpits, Hooe b. 1904	Memories of Hooe including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working at Lamb Inn• School days• Life as a caretaker• Home Guard• WW2 – Burma• Parish Councillor post War• Mystery of Hooe Flower Show Cup• Collection of Maundy Money at Chichester Cathedral 27.3.1986
Tape 2 A – Mrs Boxall (M4A) 19 min 05 22/10/1986	Mrs Boxall , Widow of Chauffeur of Lady Catherine Ashburnham b. 1891	Memories of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• life on Ashburnham Estate• Born Crowhurst• Father from Brede
Tape 2 B – Mr Ronald Wells (M4A) 12 min 31 23/4/1986	Mr Ronald Wells , Baker of Low Moor, Ninfield	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detailed description life as a Ninfield baker and of baking bread in early part of twentieth century and technological development of ovens.• Ninfield School• WW2 RAF in East Africa (small mention)• General Ninfield memories



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Tape 3 A – Miss Ruth Chiverton (M4A) 5 min 20 15/12/1988	Ruth Chiverton of Starrs Green House, Battle	Memories of Battle from 1938 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of WW2 • The three bombs dropped on Battle • 1951 Festival of Britain celebrations in Battle • 1966 900 anniversary of Battle of Hastings celebrations • 1977 Silver Jubilee visit to Battle by Queen and Prince Philip • Visit of Queen Mother (early 1980s?)
Tape 3B – D Boxall (M4A) 7 min 38 c.1988	D Boxall , son of Mrs Boxall (Tape 2A) b. c1915	Memories of life on Ashburnham Estate from boyhood (from 1924): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life under Lady Catherine Ashburnham • Working on the Estate 1930-1952 (with break for WW2) • Memories of Ashburnham
Tape 4A – read for Geo Hutchinson (M4A) 7 min 35 Notes made May-June 1986	Notes read by Sheila Bishop from interviews with Mr George Hutchinson , The Timber Yard, Ashburnham	Detailed memories of work in the Timber Yard Ashburnham in early twentieth century, 1908 onwards
Tape 4 B – Charles Watson (M4A) 18 min 16 Dec 1987	Mr Charles Watson , The Green, Ninfield b. 1908	Memories of life as a Ninfield farmer. Mentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samson’s Farm, Crowhurst • Green Street Farm, Crowhurst • Railway line between Bexhill and Crowhurst • Halley’s Comet sighting • Detailed description of life on a farm in first half twentieth century • Ingalls Farm • Ashburnham Mill • Church Farm • WW2 – Royal Observer Corps



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<p>Tape 5 A – Mrs L Ross (M4A) 9 min 38 28/4/1987</p>	<p>Mrs L Ross of 14 Glengorse, Battle</p>	<p>Memories of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festival of Britain 1951 • First twinning with St Valery – 1966 • Reciprocal visits – role of her husband, the Chair of the Town Council at the time and how she provided lunch for 96 guests • Detailed memories of the 1966 900 year Battle of Hastings Commemoration • High Mass in ruins of Pevensey Castle • Role of husband in planning visit • Service in St Mary’s
<p>Tape 7B – Wilf Barden (M4A) 29 min 04 August 1987</p>	<p>Wilf Barden – Gardener on Ashburnham Estate</p> <p>From tape 7 B it becomes apparent he was born c 1901</p> <p>Barden tapes go in order 7B, 7A, 5</p>	<p>Describes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childhood living at the furnace Ashburnham • Schooldays – teacher Miss Spooner • Games played • Management of water levels in ponds for furnace and forge • Eating from hedgerow • Bird nesting • ‘Holiday’ at Aunts’ home in Hellingly – walked there! • Hop picking in summer • Shooting parties • First jobs at start of WW1 – worked as a bothy boy looking after the men who lived in the bothy on the estate. Later responsible for heating the greenhouses • Lists fauna no longer seen but once common • Left for London at 15 and became an engine driver



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father's memories as told to him of the Earl of Ashburnham – fishing and shooting
<p>Tape 7A – Wilf Barden (M4A) 29 min 50</p> <p>August 1987</p>	<p>Wilf Barden continued</p>	<p>Describes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of own home – on site of the old forge at Ashburnham • Local reservoirs supplying water for local power • Original route of local water course • Iron works and ore collection • New roads built as a result of a deal with the railway companies for a route not eventually used • Ashburnham Place and grounds – Capability Brown • Brickworks – mainly staffed by Barden family over at least three generations • Ashburnham bricks blue ends red sides. Brickworkers cut wood in winter • Earl's pheasant shoots • Local characters –Old Tully, Mr Peters, Mr Cook, Mrs Gates, Village tramp.
<p>Tape 5 B - Wilf Barden continued from Tape 7 (M4A) 26 min 54 August 1987</p>	<p>Wilf Barden continued</p>	<p>Tape 5 B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tales of Witchcraft and Ghosts • Regular Hawkers and Peddlers • Changes to Ashburnham Estate • Describes life for women including detailed description of Cooking in a Brick Oven • Working conditions for men



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dialect words • Description of hop growing, picking and drying in Hop Gardens • Gardens in Ashburnham Place and life as a gardener • Childhood living by the old Furnace at Ashburnham
Tape 11A – Herbert Newbery (M4A) 13min November 1976	Mr Herbert Newbery b.1911	Describes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire at Battle Abbey and the response of the local brigade of which he was part • Christmas – “All Work Done til Christmas” i.e. Allwork (Grocers), Dunns (tailors, PO) Tills (ironmongers) Christmas (Butchers) • Original Town sign on triangle – taken down in WW2 never re-appeared • Mr Dicky Allwork “lick-finger Dick” • Fair day (November 22) • Fair-rings made by Newbery’s • Thorpe’s Plot – ‘Bug alley’
Tape 11B – Mr Sinden (M4A) 9min 44 April 1976	Mr Sinden – a boy in the 1890s	Describes Battle late 19C and early 20C: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cafes • Housing rents • Cobblers shops • Blacksmiths • Road conditions • Choirboys outings • Fires at Normanhurst (1908), Battle Abbey (1931) and Beauport Park • Bombs – including one which went through Battle Abbey Gatehouse



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<p>Tape 11B – Mr Beatty Pownall (M4A) 33min 58</p> <p>April 1976</p>	<p>Mr Beatty-Pownall</p>	<p>Discusses Battle in 19C: Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction – town’s foundation, dissolution, impact of Agricultural and Industrial revolutions • Quotes from late 18C and early 19C describing Battle • 19C Battle was 8000 acres - 6000 owned by Abbey • Houses in town in 1851 had just over doubled the number of those in the Chronicle • Describes main periods of change in buildings for Battle – Black Death, boom of 16C-17C, refacing 18C to early 19C • Schools in mid to late 19C including Mechanics Institute • Need to build housing – building on gardens and yards • Drainage and water supply issues • Cressy report and recommendations • Fleet of steamships put together to oust Dom Miguel (Rose Green) became the origin of the P and O shipping line • Board of Health set up – oversaw changes to water supply and drainage • By 1900 death rate halved
<p>Tape 12A – Brigadier Learmont on Battle (M4A) 43min 39</p> <p>August 1976</p>	<p>Brigadier Learmont, CBE</p>	<p>History of Battle Abbey and the town of Battle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William’s Vow – Monastery on site if victorious; nothing at Battle previously. William gave town its name • Growth of town initially as housing for craftsmen building Abbey • Chronicle – 1066-1180 – biased –contains “street directory” for Battle – unique records



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abbey and the Town – pre - dissolution run by a joint committee with representatives from Abbey and Town; Monastery as a bank for town; association with Abbey to present; Abbey Royal foundation – patronage of local churches• Liberties of Battle – to 1846 Bishops of Chichester signed to say they had come to Battle by invitation of Dean; Battle represented in Parliament from 1320 – at first by its mitred Abbot, showing importance of town – later joined for representation with other towns• Administration – Market – only recently closed• Roads – sloped – hence high pavement where levelled. Duke of Cleveland paid for levelling of road between Gatehouse and running beside Abbey Wall.• Lay Owners of Battle Abbey – Catholicism, Lady Montagu, report by Archbishop Parker that Battle was the most popish town in Sussex, ? masses continued in parish church.• Industries – centre for local industries – gunpowder and guns – cannons built nearby for Civil and Napoleonic Wars• Military - Military centre for first line reserves in 18 and 19 centuries – Abbots roles in relieving Rye• Growth of town 1150-1961• Many local Battle families• Answers to questions – what here before Battle? Why did Harold set up camp here?



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<p>Tape 13A - Partial re-recording of earlier tape by Dennis Hale (M4A) 15min 03 27/1/1984</p>	<p>Alan Denny reading about Dennis Charles' Hale's (b.1906) early life</p>	<p>Memories of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School – friends, Battle and Langton, Miss Boxall, Arthur Kemp, thrashings, Empire Day, games played • Description of home • Details of father's life – from Wiltshire, orphaned, sent to work at Longleat, incidents at Longleat, then coachman to the Combes at Oaklands, moved to Battle, worked at Railway Hotel, played concertina. • Church involvement – school choir, Dean Currie's wife and treats for local children, bell ringer • Sunday Lunch • Apprenticed as a tailor to Charles Tutt • Set up own tailoring business c1930 – made liveries for various local houses
<p>Digital file name: Tape 14A – Dennis Hale (M4A) 18min 04 19/9/1988</p>	<p>Dennis Hale b 1906 – lived in cottage next to the Senlac Inn in Battle</p>	<p>Describes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivy Cottage where he was born • Father's career – coachman to Marquis of Bath - Combes at Oaklands – looking after Gaynor's horses at Railway Inn • School days – Miss Boxall, Mr Kemp ('lardy'), thrashings • Games played • Canadians in WWI • Death of Lady Webster and son • Death of brother in WWI – all 1917 • Apprenticeship as tailor – master's suicide • 1939 RAF



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shop at 4 Upper Lake – made liveries, hunts clothes, for big houses and doctors and lawyers • Battle Abbey Fire 1931 • Characters of Battle and Sedlescombe • Early ? first car – DY488 • Parish relief rate 5s • Fire at Telham Mill • Life as a choirboy • Timber taken by horse drawn cart to Silverhill • Early cinema behind Chequers • Cricket in Battle – local teams • Smells of Battle – Jam, marmalade, tannery,
<p>Tape 14B – Dennis Hale (M4A) 10min 21 September 1988</p>	<p>Dennis Hale b. 1906</p>	<p>Describes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apprenticeship to Charles Tupp – his suicide in 1931 • Part in 1932 Pageant • Christmas presents • Barnum and Bailey’s Circus on the Green, menagerie • Market and Fair day 22 November – Tom Collins selling horses • Sheep Fair on Wellington Field 6 September • Battle shoemakers – Thorpe, employed Burrows family • Tanning – Noakes, Bacon • Housing for Tanners on opposite side of Lake to estate houses • Printing – Olivers • Hoop makers on Pound Field • Father’s career • Wedding of Evelyn Webster



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Tape16B – Tony Emeleus (M4A) 43min 41 18/2/1991	Mr Tony Emeleus	<p>Recording of talk given to the Battle and District Probus Club</p> <p>Early life in Battle in the 1920s, mentioning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schools attended – Miss Clarke’s Dame school, Hastings Grammar School• Sets out parameters of town in 1920s – ribbon development• Drill Hall on site of Telephone Exchange – Territorial Army• Barn roughly where Jempson’s now is• Hollands butchers at Almonry• Dr Kendall at current Martin’s Oak• Guildhall – cellar• Mr Buckwell? – solicitor• Vicarys – slaughter house nearby• Sylvesters• Misses Brodie - Teas• Cpt Woodhams – stock auctioneer• Quaife• George Hotel – staircase, meeting room/dance hall. Used for Police Balls, Hunt Balls etc• Pharmacy• Grant – watchmaker• Hollands – butcher• Tills – gunpowder• Sinden – Thorpe’s shoe shop• Burstow and Hewett• Towers Hotel – brief history• Forge – where Cook now is



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nash – Fishmonger and game seller • Jenner and Simpson’s Mill • Jenner and Matthews- made bikes to measure • International Stores - ‘International Baby’ (cashiers baby) • Tutt – outfitter and tailor • Delicatessen • Allworks • Terrys – greengrocer and dairy • Mr Bailey antiques and Battlejack trade • Langton House – Ticehurst • Amusements – dances etc, sports played, Circus on Pound Field, Menagerie once on Green • Market • Railway – commercial travellers; George Hotel; train to school; goods to town • Industries: Tills, Gas Works; Newbery jam • Smells: Jam and marmalade; tannery; coffee (Allworks); horse shoeing; • Annual events: Flower show; Boxing Day meet; 5th November – Battle Rousers • Fair: 22 November; Cattle; gypsies; horse sales; fairground • Services: Fire Brigade – fire at Beauport Park; Ambulance –picking up patient at Brightling Place • Personalities: WA Raper; Captain Woodhams; Captain Hay; Kate Burton
Tape 17A – Fred Holland Battle Butcher (59.7MB)	Fred Holland b. 1903	The life of a Battle Butcher



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(M4A) 42min 17 9/12/1982		<p>Memories - 3 x generations of Holland Butchers, Joshua, Alfred and Fred</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grandfather's early business at 18 Upper Lake – handcart of meat from Hastings• High Stepping horse and cart• Local Markets• Slaughterhouse in Marley Lane• Mary Jane Holland's sausages• Purchase of Old Post Office at 20 High Street• Two halves of shop – foreign meats and British• Cinema at Chequers• Methods of slaughter• Dr Kendall's cure for sugar diabetes• Droving market purchases back to Battle – Curly Thomas, Drover• Early Model T Ford car – Davis' coach works Mount Street• Purchase of Almonry Farm in 1920• Butchers in Battle in 1920s• Exhibiting pigs and sheep – Alf Holland• Fred judging fat stock shows• Veal production• Early refrigeration inc. passageway at 18 Upper Lake• Customers – Mr Grace – venison storage for Abbey, hand delivery to Abbey kitchens from Upper Lake; Workhouse – purchases, delivery man, Johnny Ralph; Hotels• Battle and Langton School – Lardy Kemp• Rationing in WWI and WWII



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<p>Tape 18B – Mr Allwork’s memories (M4A) 20min 54</p>	<p>Eric Augele reads Mr W C Allwork’s talk to the Battle and District Historical Society given in 1952</p>	<p>Mr W C Allwork’s memories – 75 years (in 1952)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ran grocery store at 71-2 High Street• Description of Station which was 100 years old in 1952 – footbridge called Jacob’s ladder, bell rang when train approached• Description of development of local roads – replacement of Whatlington Road as main London route by the London Road to John’s Cross; N Trade Road, Lower Lake• Description of road repairs – repairing road last job before workhouse• Tolls – 4 toll roads• Waters supplies, reservoir near top of Virgin’s Lane, bore near Powdermills in 1900 – Battle Water works – fountain provided by Mr Lambert nr Abbey Hotel• Work on Abbey Farms – Hops, hay making• Ancient bones discovered in churchyard - ? bones of those killed at Battle of Hastings?• Post Office – describes postal system in days gone by• Battle Gas Works• Description of Battle Fair – Cheapjacks, Fair on Green, cattle sold in street, horses sold at the triangle• Activities – cricket (ground levelling), football, describes gymnastic display, Penny Pops at Drill Hall for local acts, skating on Powdermill pond in the 1890s• Church Hall built by Dean Currie mainly as a rifle range• Dancing – Pepper, Baines and Fielding• Mountjoy Institute



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lovers Seat – daughter of the lovers married Dean Ferris
<p>Tape 19A – Herbert Newbery</p> <p>(M4A) 45min 42</p>	<p>Herbert Newbery's walk round Battle. b. 13 March 1911. Dates from 17 July 1986 – May 1987</p> <p>Eric Augele reads Herbert Newbery's reminiscences of properties in Battle. Original recording 1986 and 1987, but apparently had distorted sound/traffic noise. Re-recorded as read by Mr Augele 1992</p>	<p><u>Walk 1: 17/7/1986 1 Marley Lane via Station footpath to 1 Lower Lake</u> Describes buildings in turn as he follows route. <u>Includes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake House • Lake Meadow • Danreuthers fruit farm • Oak Tree Cottage • School • White House • Businesses in Station yard: Cheese factory, Old Granary, Senlac Metal Casements • Senlac Gardens – formerly dry cooperage and allotments • Old Gas Works – Picardy Close • Old Police Station and cells • Olivers Printing Works • The Old Bakehouse • The Chequers – stabling – cinema over stables. • Cleveland Lodge • Abbots House • Stiles Garage <p><u>Walk 2: 23/9/1986 St Mary's Church then 1-54 High Street (16.40)</u> <u>Includes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaac Ingall • Churchyard and changes to layout



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pilgrim's Rest• Kenward's Square• Post Office• Star Inn (1066)• J. Matthis• Burstows• Thorpes• Dr Brough• London, City, Westminster and Parris Bank, including Lewes Old Bank• Hollands – 1st telephone exchange• Emeleus• George Hotel• JP Woodhams – Parks Yard• Vicarys• Chacksfield cycle shop• St David's – Formerly stables for Dr Kendall• Almonry – secret passage• Fire Station• Wellington Hotel• Beney the Blacksmith <p><u>Walk 3: 31/10/1986 49 High Street to 1 Upper Lake (45.42)</u></p> <p><u>Includes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Herbert Owen – shoe shop• EH Nash – Bill Nash percussion Frank Chacksfield Orchestra• Barton



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church – used as a store by Jenner and Simpson • Jenner and Matthews • W H Wheaton • International Stores • CH Tutt, tailor • Blackmans coal office • Miss Roughead • Newbery's – previously Dr Kendall • Spar shop • R B Allwork
<p>Tape 19B – continuation of 19A (M4A) 21min 31</p>	<p>Herbert Newbery's walk round Battle. b. 13 March 1911. Dates from 17 July 1986 – May 1987</p> <p>Eric Augele reads Herbert Newbery's reminiscences of properties in Battle. Original recording 1986 and 1987, but apparently had distorted sound/traffic noise.</p>	<p><u>Walk 3: 31/10/1986 49 High Street to 1 Upper Lake (continued)</u></p> <p><u>Includes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C H Tutt – tailor • Watson – harness maker and garage • Bombed house – describes what was there before • Bannister – stationer and printer • Gateway Tea rooms – Battlejacks – Jack Bailey • Errey's Barbers • Langton House – Mrs Ticehurst • Carriers Yard or Holt's Yard • Abbey Hotel • Mr Schnorr • Judd's Furniture and Carpets • Senlac House • Raper and Fovargue • Stiles Garage



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	Re-recorded as read by Mr Augele 1992	<p><u>Walk 4 20/5/1987: 4 Mount Street to 49 High Street (10.04)</u></p> <p><u>Includes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smithy – Beney • Thwaites butchers • Barbers – Wm Lumley • Billy White • Keeble • Parks butchers • Slade electrician • Harris – Clerk to the Council • The Old Courthouse (Forest View) • Loxbeech • Lewins Croft – ‘Rabbit Warren’ • Vicary’s coach works • Noakes butcher • Slatters • Peppers – Douch Photographer – negatives disposed of in well behind house • Mr Sargeant – Kings Head • Jenner and Simpson
<p>Tape 20A B Elvey and K Sparks (M4A) 16min 8</p> <p>Recorded in 1992 by Eric Augele</p>	<p>Mrs Barbara Elvey and Mrs Kay Sparks, both born in Battle</p>	<p><u>Battle in 1920s and up to 1992</u></p> <p>“Battle then and Now”</p> <p>Mrs Elvey mentions:</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Description of town• Mr Sheathers's bus once a week to Hastings, few cars• Born Saxonhill Farm, opposite workhouse• Cattle Market• Towers hotel – Chrissy Emeleus' wedding reception there• Local balls• Desmond Llewelyn• Plays by Battle Abbey School• Mrs Harbord wedding• Battle Abbey Pageant• Bonfire – Battle Rousers• Town Fair 22 November• Industries in town: Smell of tannery, Jack Bailey's Battlejacks, Newbery's, Metal casement windows, tourism• Trains• Schools – Miss Cole's school, Battle Abbey, Glengorse, Claverham, Battle and Langton <p>Mrs Sparks mentions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emeleus pharmacy• Thorpe's• Winsborough's drapers• Tills• Shops: Butchers, bakers, fishmonger• Quaife's corn merchants• Solicitor at Guildhall• Hunt, blacksmiths



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cinema • Activities for women and men • Father manager at Wesminster Bank – born there • Characters – sweep, Kate Burton and Jessie Parrot, lamplighter, milkman • Watch Oak outside Police Station
<p>Digital file name: Tape 21A - Jack Harmer (M4A) 24min 18</p> <p>Recorded in 1983 and 14 March 1984</p>	<p>Jack Harmer – worker at Ashburnham Brickyard</p>	<p><u>First part of recording – Countryside and Wildlife</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squirrels – food types eaten, drays, life. • Birds – Sparrow Hawks, Jays, differences between Rooks and Crows, Kestrels, Jackdaws, Magpies, Pheasants – including safety and rearing • Woods – Natural garden, Bluebells, Anemones etc. <p><u>Second part of recording – Ashburnham Brickyard</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Began work in Ashburnham Brickyard c. 1950 (thirty four years previously) • Father was Estate Gamekeeper for 50 years • Before the War 13 worked at yard – 2 x tar makers and 5 brick-makers plus labourers • Made c300K bricks per year plus tiles, fittings and membranes • Bricks made April/May - September • Ashburnham burnt wood in kiln – grey ends to bricks caused by this and iron in clay • Fine brickwork of Orangery



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved from near the furnace in 1836 • 1850 – Ashburnham Place cased in – many bricks required • From 1898 bricks larger and with frogs • 19,500 bricks made at a time in kiln – 54 hours burning • Locals came for barbeques on the second evening • Winter spent cutting wood for kilns – esp. Silver Birch, sycamore, Alder
<p>Tape 22 – re-recording by Eric Augele of T Emeleus (M4A)</p> <p>57min 33</p> <p>Recorded in October 1993</p> <p>Original recording made in 1992, but very soft so re-recorded in 1993</p>	<p>Eric Augele reading transcript of Tape 22, by Tony Emeleus</p>	<p><u>Memories of Battle in the 1920s</u></p> <p>The walk starts opposite the Police Station, goes down the right hand-side of the High Street to the Abbey, past the Abbey down Upper Lake, then to Lower Lake as far as Tannery on Battle Hill. Crosses over the road, back up Lower Lake and Upper Lake, past Church, into High Street, up High Street on opposite side, past Langton House, up to Fire Station (formerly Tower Hotel), then doubles back along Mount Street to Calbec Hill Windmill, back along other side past King’s Head to High Street.</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drill Hall • Changes to area covered by Saxonwood Road • Changes to Market Place – Cattle Market – description of market – Barn on Jempson’s site • Battle Football field (now car park) • Almonry – Holland family • Dr Kendall at Martin’s Oak Surgery – trap driven by daughter



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guildhall – early telephone exchange – Mr Buckwell lawyer – vaulted cellar• Lee's Butchers (Vicary's)• Sylvester's - drapers• The Fryer Tuck – tea room formerly Earl's• Woodham's (where Bull now is – formerly La Vielle Auberge)• Donkey Yard• Mr Quaife feed and corn merchant – Spider the rat catcher dog• George Hotel – run by Emery's – Commercial Hotel – cart to meet trains – Assembly rooms behind (now bedrooms)• Mr Barden's Timber Tug Horses• Ostler's Stables – Timber Tug horses – Mr Barden• Train to school• Old Pharmacy – restored 1946, built c1450• Dame School at rear of Pharmacy• Hollands Butchers• Will Grant Watchmaker – Mathematical Tiles• Tills – gardens at side. Metal sheets for Kitcheners• Allworks home• Bank – manager lived above• Brewery yard – still had buildings in tact in 1920s but not used – large well in yard – Dr Brough• Thorpe's – run by Harry Sinden. Mr Santer – repairs, organist• Burstow and Hewitt• The Star Inn – meeting place for Oddfellows and Buffalos• Mr Matthews antiques• Pilgrim's Rest –Mr Schnorr



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Duke family• Cleveland Lodge• Quarry Rents• Mr Raper – solicitor – Pike House• Chequers – cinema – electricity for films generated by gas generator• Sutton’s butchers• New cinema built in 1930s where auction room now – Mr Rayner registrar• Pound Field• Tanyard – finest leather – smells• Station Hotel• Goods trucks - busy station• Allotments at Senlac Gardens• Gas Works at Picardy Close• Stiles garage private house – Osborn family• Moving Church wall back in 1920s• Deanery• Church House - Queen Anne’s Bounty• VET – Mr Hendry• Abbey Hotel – cinema here after Chequers• Langton House – Mr Ticehurst – electrical engineer, founded one of the electrical associations• Battlejacks industry• Mrs Partridge – Greengrocer, sweets plus milk from churn• Bombed buidings – Mr and Mrs Giles, Chemist had key in lock when house bombed• Allwork’s – coffee smell 11am



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newbery Jam factory• Bank – on site of a private house• Second hand clothing shop• Tommy Clarks’ tobacconist – illegal betting (now fish and chip shop)• Blackman’s Coal Office• Douche’s haberdashery• Old timbered building removed• Tutt’s tailors• Shoeshop/International Stores• Weeden’s Ironmongers• Jenner’s auto repairs and cycle shop – made car parts• Congegational Chapel – used later as a store room for Jenner and Simpson• Tobacconist• Jenner & Simpson Mill – Gas engine – 3.5 ton fly wheel – generated electric lighting for town, set up by Mr Slade• Horse Pond at rear of Wellington Hotel• Jempson’s undertakers• Manual fire engine• Towers Hotel – Jesuit College – Girls School• Forge – Mr Beney• RC Church, Chapel and Unitarian Church• Mill• Reservoir• Mountjoy – field• Mr Sheppard• Lewin’s Croft – “Rabbit Warren”



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach Body Shop • Slade's - engineer • Mr Douch Photographer • King's Head • Battle Abbey Green
<p>Tape 22A – Tony Emeleus (M4A) 40min 19</p> <p>Tape 22B – Tony Emeleus (M4A) 37min 25</p> <p>Original Recording of previous tape - Very soft Recorded 1992</p>	<p>Tony Emeleus' memories of Battle High Street</p>	<p><u>As above</u></p>
<p>side A: Prof David Bates Commemoration Lecture 1994 45min 07</p> <p>side B:</p>	<p>Professor David Bates Commemoration Lecture 1994</p>	<p><u>William the Conqueror and the Duchy of Normandy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Introduction –</u> Effect of William's rule on Normandy – largely sidelined in histories of William the Conqueror and the Battle of Hastings



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<p>Prof David Bates Commemoration Lecture '94 cont. (M4A)</p> <p>(continuation of side A)</p> <p>20min 13</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues facing Normandy in 11th and 12th centuries – political relations around the Norman frontiers were unstable. Lords of Alencon had been established by the Fr Kings in 10C to control the Normans.• Themes - Normandy a territory within the French kingdom, but Normandy was at the heart of a movement of conquest and colonisation. William a French Duke, who had the support of Norman Lords.• William only eight when he inherited – difficult childhood• Managed to defeat a rebellion and from 1047 Normandy stable – aristocracy in Normandy brought together• 1047 – 1066 – stability in Normandy – ruling group developed confidence to consider conquest in England.• His marriage to Matilda brought a useful alliance but 1051 Henry I of Fr turned against William and allied with the Count of Anjou. Normandy has the two greatest powers in France against him. Two x invasions in 1050s by Fr allies the second in 1057 – defeated on Norman coast near Caen.• 1060 – Henry I and Count of Anjou died, rivals gone – William became dominant ruler in N. France and gained allies on Northern frontier. Fortunes of William shifted. Problems not gone away, however, resources of Fr King and Anjou still there.• Undercurrents of disputes within the Norman aristocracy an issue, not as cohesive as appeared – eg Fitzosborne and de Montgomery. William befriended these two, but dispute simmered.• Duchy had been invaded, aristocracy not as united as may appear all prior to 1066.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• William post conquest of Britain – England subdued by 1072. 1067 – a long visit to Normandy by William - triumphal tour of Normandy displaying English noble prisoners – showing off what he had achieved. Between 1066 and 1072 f x visits to Normandy.• Post 1072 to death W spent almost all his time (80%) in Normandy. An absentee monarch.• Unclear why he spent time in Normandy – maybe political priorities. In England never travelled N of Gloucester post 1072 – like other English kings he concentrated on Wessex and the south.• Only to England at times of crisis. 1075 – revolt in England – siege of Norwich Castle – W the C in Normandy – Archbishop of Canterbury suggests all under control – no need for W the C to return. Then, when Danes coming he returns.• When W not in Normandy Matilda ruled for him, with help of Norman nobles. Matilda acted as W’s representative. Son Robert was designated his heir in 1066, when Robt 15. Charter suggests that Robert ruled in France by 1072 when father returned. Fought with Wm 1077/8 post quarrel – allies with Fr aristocracy and King of Fr and Count of Anjou – old allies brought back together.• Conquest of England brought problems to Normandy – in terms of disputes between W and Robt.• William’s status changed post 1066 – now a King – but still a Duke in Normandy, Normandy’s status did not change, it remained a Dukedom, in Fr kingdom. William a King in England, Duke in Normandy.• Normandy went to son Robt, England to son William post death of W the C.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many buildings went up during W's rule of Normandy – illustrating success• Coins minted – showing success of English Kingdom – Norman coinage was by comparison “barbaric”. Remained same style.• Governance of Normandy remained as pre-conquest – part of Fr kingdom.• William still involved in day to day management of Normandy post 1066 – dual role. Great pre-occupation for Willm. Arranged marriage between daughter of Fitzosborne and a English noble with lands in Brittany. Alliance between two powerful families. But families plotted rebellion. Allied with Fr king and defeated Willm.• Conquest intensified existing difficulties within Normandy• Married daughters to secure alliances• 1087 Willm dying – injured in war with Fr King – replay of former battles• Normandy went into disorder post Willms death – feuding aristocracy. Williams rule the greatest time in Normandy's history.• Normandy suffered from familiar colonial difficulties post conquest – stagnation at home and enterprise abroad. Might explain aspects of W the C's career. <p><u>Questions</u> _____</p>



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<p>Interviews re Battle Abbey Sale 1976 (M4A)</p> <p>Recorded in March 1976.</p>	<p>Brigadier Learmont (Historical Society) Robert Emeleus (Mayor) Godfrey Webster</p>	<p>Interviews re Battle Abbey Sale 1976 - Includes a news report from the time regarding the sale.</p> <p><u>Brigadier Learmont</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describes situation of co-operation between Abbey and town existing pre-dissolution• Links between Battle families and the Abbey – including Abbots – Abbot Hammond• Abbey as a bank for locals• Private holdings in Battle in 1924 same as number in 1120-1150• Battle fearful of outcome of sale – need for co-operation with new owners• National Trust or State would be preferred new owner of Battle Abbey and Battlefield <p><u>Robert Emeleus – March 1975</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rumours of Abbey to be sold from Jly 1975• Discussed at Town Council meeting – Round Table asked to form a Trust:• 2 x aims of 1066 Trust – save Abbey and Battlefield for public• Foster educational awareness of importance of site• Employed professional fundraisers• Aim for a joint purchase – fighting fund formed to cover initial costs• R E's interests are as a Battle man and to ensure Battle used in future to potential <p><u>Godfrey Webster</u></p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details history of family meetings with Trustees over previous two to three years re-possibility of sale • Family not in favour of sale • Battle Abbey “a goldmine” • Describes his family’s responsibilities to Battle and its people • Describes importance of Abbey to well-being of Battle • Suggests any new owner would need to take on the same responsibilities for Battle <p><u>7.30 news report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describes plans to save Battle Abbey for the nation <p><u>Robert Emeleus</u> Re-recording of earlier comments</p>
<p>Roman Bath-House at Beauport Park (M4A)</p> <p>38:15 min</p> <p>Date on original cassette: 29/9/94</p>	<p>Professor John Stringer and Gerald Brodribb</p>	<p>Roman Bath-house at Beauport Park</p> <p>Radio interview by Julian Clegg with John Stringer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans to open the Bath-house discovered in 1969 • Walls 6’ high – aim to restore prior to opening and build a replica bath • Describes how Roman baths were taken (hot and cold plunges, oil scraped etc.) • Opening delayed by changes in ownership of the land – Trust formed to look after site • Proposed Honiton-Folkestone road would not pass through site – but would be nearby • Estimated four years to opening to the public



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		<p>Talk by Gerald Brodribb: (originally accompanied by slides which he describes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 60% walls stand to 8 feet• Part of irons works – run by Classis Britannica, who stamped CLBR on tiles they made• Iron works found all over Weald – heaps of slag over the area. ?Pre-Roman• 1868 – Iron slag discovered at Beauport by local clergyman – promptly used for making local new roads• Site dominated by giant oak – later cut down by DOE when dangerous• A stream running through site had been pushed east from Roman times• A fall of slag had covered the buildings• Squatters had used site post 250AD• Site listed in 1972 by DOE• 1924 – Arthur Blackman – local antiquarian - had visited site• Ordinance survey marked it as a site of Roman iron works• G Br sought permission of Mark Singleton (owner) to visit the site in 1966• Immediately discovered dish of Samian ware• Enlisted the help of Dr Henry Clere – later Director of the Council of British Archaeology and expert in Roman iron works• 1969 – returned to site as Golf course planned. Unofficial trench made – discovered wooden water tank. Post holes indicated a building had been sited over the tank



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discovery of masonry inscription - showing orders for re-building and extension works by Bassus or Basianus• Finds described – plaster with 12 varieties of colours; chimney pot;• Four rooms and cold plunge in original building• New changing room, hot room, apse and furnace built. Hypocaust below apse• Iron works remote from any Roman town• New changing room – niches for clothes – rare , only other British example at Chesters• Room for relaxation possibly used by officers• Potential exercise ground outside• 60% of the walls survive• 1600 pieces of Roman tile found – often imprinted, many with tally marks – a new discovery• Tile comb imprint discovered• Only about 12 coins found on site - date to 100-250AD• Dawson cast iron figure of Hercules in Hgs Museum reputedly found at site in 1880s a fake – Romans could not make cast iron• 300 nails – all handmade, discovered• Bronze animal foot and acorn found• Two ceramic drains or chimneys found.• Describes how iron ore made into iron at the time• Silt finds include a whole sandal plus pieces of sandal.