



Hail, Salubrious Spot!

(How's Your Rupture?)

Memories of a Worcestershire Village

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READERS' COMMENTS

Lucy Akehurst (Daughter of Margaret Mabey)

'Thank you so much for sending me your book about Barnt Green. I enjoyed reading it so much and am glad my mother's notes were useful to you.'

Rosalind Morey (née Wallbank)

'a fantastic book, very well written and full of photographs, drawings and paintings. I can't believe how you have remembered so much detail – all those people with their particular idiosyncrasies! I shall treasure this book....It is such a treasure trove of information about a formative period of our lives.'

Mary Wallbank (Rosalind Morey's mother, aged 95)

'I was delighted to get your book about Barnt Green and all the people you knew all those years ago. I started reading it right away and found it very difficult to put down. I remember the enjoyment we all had with the Bantock Wallbank rehearsals and shows.... Barnt Green must have changed quite a lot since I last saw it, but I often think of the happy times we had there.'

Julian Wallbank

'I have found it most interesting, and, of course, it brought back many memories. I am amazed at your memories of all the shopkeepers, etc. and their foibles. My memories are much hazier, but I do remember some...[See Notes on Revised Edition]... Thank you for arousing so many half-forgotten memories.'

Anton Bantock

'Attractive, easy to read and entertaining. It is of course *two* books: Barnt Green *and* the Bantock family – but there is sufficient overlap to hang the thing together. Your humble and self-effacing style does much to take the sting out of the often strident opinions expressed, and avoid the mawkish sentimentalities which could have tarnished it. The array of archive photographs is truly impressive and is artistically balanced by the drawings, paintings, maps, etc. It is an extraordinary compendium of information. The most admirable feature of this project is how you have involved family and friends in three continents to make meaningful contributions; and this has...produced a kind of family solidarity which was not there before. If BG don't buy it, I'll eat my knickers *and* yours.'

Gill Cannon

'What a joy to read about all those happy times spent with your family.'

Ros Gompertz (of Sheriff Cottage)

'We have all enjoyed looking through it, we've learned a lot more about the house and how the village used to be.... Our children were playing in the stream this weekend, and have been fascinated by the hollow oak tree too particularly after seeing the pictures in your book, something every generation seems to enjoy still.'

Pamela Henderson (née Mason)

'Many thanks, it is so interesting I haven't got much done as I keep picking it up...I shall have hours of fun reading this.'

Belinda Cadbury

'What a delightful record of childhood and memories of Barnt Green et environs.'

Brian Marsh

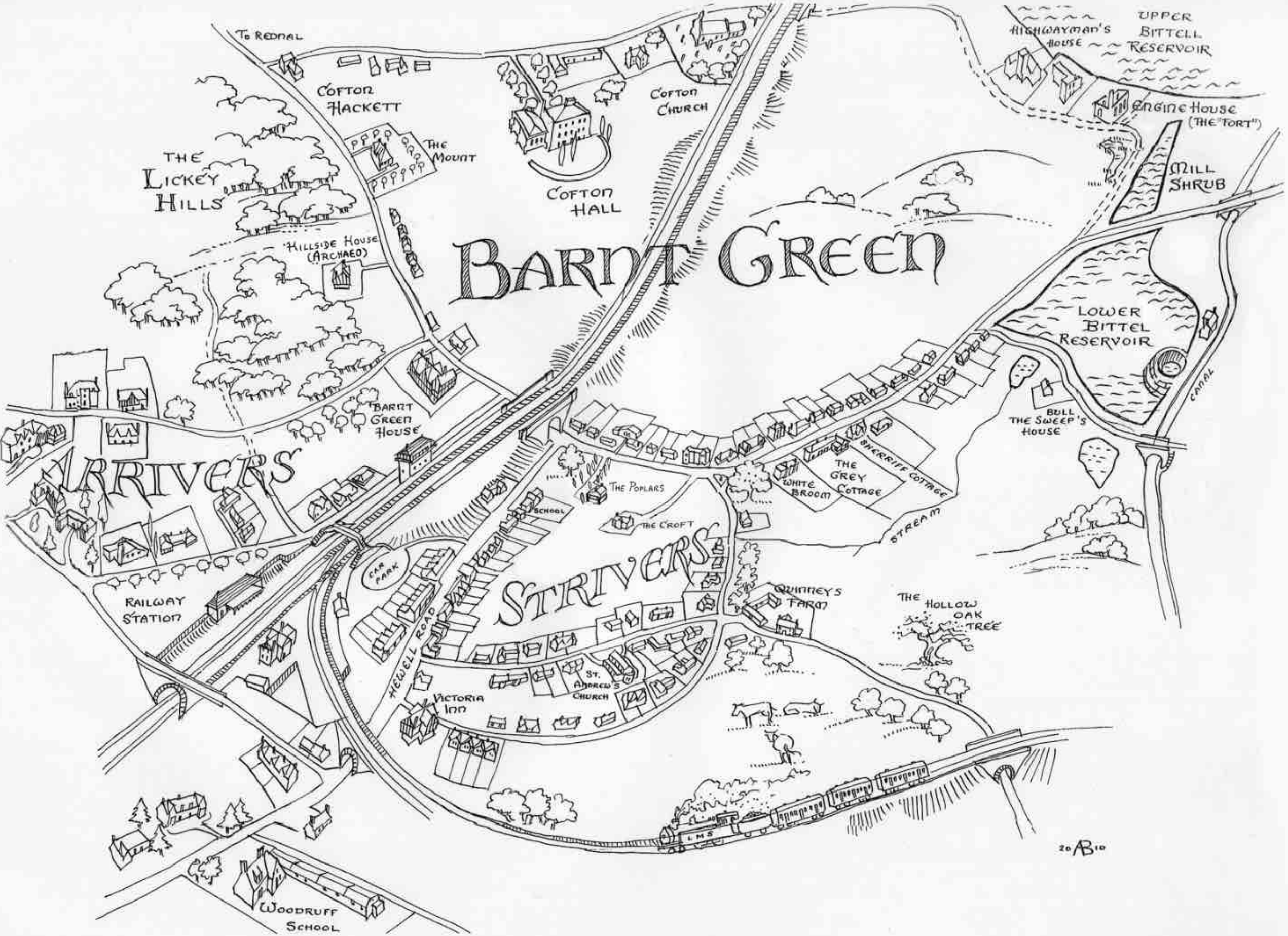
'Have just finished reading HSS which I found most interesting.... Congratulations on putting together a very interesting book, it brought back a lot of memories and has spurred me into walking the complete patch with wife and dogs as soon as the "monsoon season" ends.'

Anne Ogden (née Lenton)

'Graham & I have both read your book, and I congratulate you! It made very interesting reading.'

Colin Harrison

'I thoroughly enjoyed reading it as it covers a period and an area I know well, and I found it very humorous even if a bit earthy.... Thanks a great deal for all your efforts in producing such a masterpiece.'



BARNET GREEN

THE LICKEY HILLS

COFTON HACKETT

COFTON CHURCH

COFTON HALL

HILLSIDE HOUSE (ARCHAEO)

BARNET GREEN HOUSE

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

RAILWAY STATION

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

VICTORIA INN

THE GREY COTTAGE

SHERRIFF COTTAGE

WHITE BROOM

STREAM

THE HOLLOW OAK TREE

QUINNEY'S FARM

BULL THE SWEEP'S HOUSE

MILL SHRUB

ENGINE HOUSE (THE 'TORT')

LOWER BITTELL RESERVOIR

UPPER BITTELL RESERVOIR

HIGHWAYMAN'S HOUSE

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