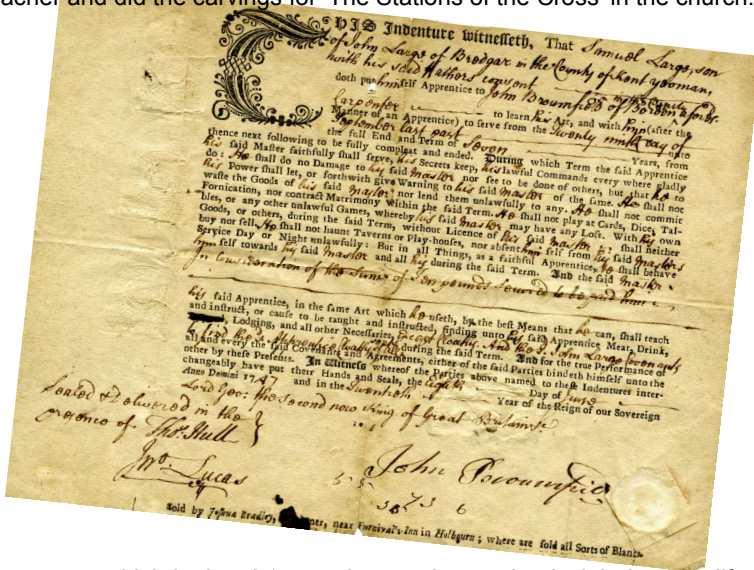


## An Apprentices Tale - 1747

The Heritage Group were pleased to be given, on loan, the document below from committee member, Elaine Tuck. The document details an indenture drawn up on behalf of Samuel Largo of Bredgar who was to become an apprentice to John Broumfield. John was a carpenter and the son of the original builder and owner of the house where Elaine and her family now reside, named in its latter days 'Broumfield'. The document was found in an old picture frame by a previous owner of the house, Kathleen Sims-Williams who was involved with the Sunday School. Her husband was a lay preacher and did the carvings for 'The Stations of the Cross' in the church.



The document, which is dated 1747, gives an interesting insight into the life of a local apprentice at that time, which as the transcript below shows, was far from easy.

*This indenture witnesseth, that Samuel Largo, son of John Largo, of Bredgar in the county of Kent yeoman, with his said father's consent doth put himself apprentice to John Broumfield of Borden Parish ----- carpenter to learn his art, and with him (after the manner of an apprentice) to serve from 29th day of September last past unto the full end term of seven years, from thence next following to be fully complete and ended. During which term the said apprentice his said master faithfully shall serve, his secrets kept, his lawful commands everywhere gladly do: he shall do no damage to his said master nor see to be done of others, but that he to his power shall let, or forthwith give warning to his said master of the same. He shall not waste the goods of his said master, nor lend them unlawfully to any. He shall not commit fornication, nor contract matrimony within the said term. He shall not play at cards, dice, tables, or any other unlawful games, whereby his said master may have any loss. With his own goods, or others, during the said term, without license of his said master shall neither buy nor sell. He shall not haunt taverns or playhouses, nor absent himself from his said master's service day or night unlawfully: but in all things, as a faithful apprentice, he shall behave himself towards his said master in all his during the said term. And the said master in consideration of this sum of ten pounds sourced to be paid him.*

*His said apprentice, in the same art which he useth, by the best means that he can, shall teach and instruct, or cause to be taught and instructed, finding unto his said apprentice meat, drink and lodging, and all other necessities, except clothes. And thus John Largo covenants to find these ----- during the said term. And the true performance of all and every said covenant and agreements, either of the said parties bindeth himself unto the other by these presents. In witness whereof the parties above named to the indentures interchangeably have put their hands and seals, the eighth day of June Anno Domini 1747 and in the twentieth year of our sovereign Lord George the Second now the King of Britain.*

John Broumfield  
Sealed in the presence of ---Hull and -----Lucas.

## Diary 2012

Saturday 25th February  
Wine and Wisdom

Saturday 21st April  
Open Day.  
*Bring your interesting photos or items to share .*

Saturday 6th October  
AGM

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## Vintage Adverts

How many of these businesses do you remember? Taken from the church magazine 1963.

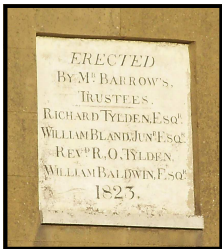
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## Then and Now



A View of the village from the church showing the Post Office on the corner.

Do you recognise these Borden 'landmarks'?



Panel on the back of the Barrows houses  
Chimney at the back of the church



## Special interests

If you have an item of local interest or photographs you would like to share please get in contact with us. Maybe you have a story to tell about Borden. We would be happy to visit you to hear what you have to say.

The committee would also be happy to hear from you if you have any projects you would like us to consider. We have had discussions regarding setting up an art club giving members the opportunity to visit local houses with a view to creating paintings of local scenes. All suggestions welcome!

## Extract from *Archaeologia Cantiana*

Wallpaper discoveries put Borden on the map.....

As to that particular form of decoration for wall-surfaces which we call "wall-paper" and the French "*papier peint*," it is sometimes asserted to be a perfectly modern art. It is true that, about the middle of the nineteenth century, the late William Morris took it in hand, and by his genius transfigured it and raised it up from the utter degradation into which it had fallen, so that he practically created a new industry. Nevertheless printed wall-papers are no novelty. In May, 1911, during repairs to the Master's Lodge at Christ's College, Cambridge, there were uncovered some exquisite fragments of block-printed paper, which not without good reason were assigned to about the year 1509. This example is probably the earliest one extant. Two more designs of wall-papers of later date, attributed respectively to about 1600 and 1650, were discovered in 1896 by Mr. P. M. Johnston, F.S.A., in bedrooms at Borden Hall, near Sittingbourne. The decoration in the drawing room at Ightham Mote is noteworthy, as an instance of Chinese wall-paper, introduced, no doubt, under the influence of the pseudo-Chinese taste of the Chippendale period. Another somewhat similar specimen exists in a room at Milsted Manor, near Sittingbourne.

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## Local Place Names

We have had the following information from Ann Coker, a local member of the Heritage Group, who during her time on the Parish Council, was responsible for suggesting many of the place names we know today.

**Maylam Gardens.** *The land on which it was built was owned by Hinges and Peter Mair's father was a Director of the Company. His middle name was Maylam.*

**Greenlees Close.** *Alec Greenlees farmed Woodgate Farm at Oad Street.*

**Westfield Gardens at Danaway.** *On an old map I found that nearby land was Westfield.*

**Micketts Close.** *On the footpath leading to Maylam Gardens from junction of Wises Lane/Cryalls Lane were two cottages called Micketts.*

**Dental Close.** *The land on which this was built was Dental Farm. We did ask for Dental Farm Close.*

**Homestead View** *is opposite the house called The Homestead. We did ask for Homestead Close.*