

INTRODUCTION

Apologies are due to the many regular readers of this series who have been assiduously collecting all the previous volumes since 1974, because a necessary repetition of some information in Volume 1 is included in the following pages.

The initial four thousand copies of Volume 1 (which dealt primarily with Harrow Weald) are now all sold and as a considerable quantity of additional historical data has been collected about this area since 1973 (when research for this series was initiated) it is desirable to publish this revised version instead of reprinting the original material unaltered.

The Historical Preamble which follows is entirely new and the subsequent narratives have been re-arranged in estate form (although references to the local highways are of course included). The photographs are also different to those published in Volume 1.

Another new aspect has been introduced in the concluding narratives of this volume which contain detailed references to the highways of Harrow Weald's neighbouring village of Hatch End.

At the time of going to print the volumes still available are numbered 2 to 10 and the narratives about Roxeth village which were originally intended to comprise Volume 10 will now be published - possibly late in 1980 - in Volume 11.

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COVER PHOTOGRAPHS

Mrs Dinah Kane appears alongside a frontal view of her historical homestead - Harrow Weald House Farm.

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Local businessman and Councillor, Peter Kane - together with his wife, Dinah and young son and daughter (John and Joanna) have occupied the farmhouse in Elms Road for two years. Restoration has been completed to their liking and the atmosphere of the ancient dwelling is very much in keeping with its past image.

One of the most interesting relics to be discovered on the premises is a proclamation dated 1679 - in a remarkable state of preservation and now carefully framed - which roundly condemns four ruffians for allegedly conspiring to murder 'His Sacred Majesty' (King Charles II) at Windsor and promising a reward of £100 for information leading to their arrest.

The conspiracy was connected with a Popish plot instigated by Titus Oates.