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The Pleydell Society was founded in 1995 as a family history group for those interested in the study of the genealogy and social history of the Pleydell family. It provides co-operation in research and disseminates information about aspects of Pleydell history to its members. The earliest mention of the name was in 1223 but direct lineage stems from William and Isabella Pleydell living in the 15<sup>th</sup> century in Coleshill, Wiltshire (at that time in Berkshire). The Pleydell Society is non commercial and is a member of the Guild of One Name Studies – No.864.

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## Cover Picture

### **“Milborne St. Andrew the seat of Edmd. Morton Pleydell Esq.”**

Edmund Pleydell (1651-1726) was styled “of Midgehall”, a family home just east of Wootton Bassett. He was a grandson of Sir Charles Pleydell. Edmund married Anne Morton, daughter of Sir John Morton of Milborne (Milbourn) manor house near the church in the village of Milborne St. Andrew. Anne already had a link with the Pleydells. Her father married three times. Anne's mother was Elizabeth Culme, daughter of Deborah (nee Pleydell) and Benjamin Culme. Anne inherited the Milborne manor which brought it into the Pleydell family.

Later they moved to nearby Whatcombe House. The manor house in Milborne St. Andrew was abandoned in 1802. It is believed that one reason was the problem of ensuring a water supply to the house.

Edmund was the chosen forename for the eldest sons in this branch of the family. Eventually we come to Edmund Morton Pleydell (1756-1835) and his wife Elizabeth Margareta Richards. They had seven daughters. (There was a son, also named Edmund Morton Pleydell, but he died young.)

Following this line of descent brings us from our cover picture to the article in this issue about two of those seven daughters, Emma and Louisa, who married two army officers.

## Editorial

Welcome to another edition of the Pleydell Society Newsletter. We hope you will enjoy the contents. Since the last issue, there have been some changes to your committee. David & Brenda Jarman have relinquished joint editorship of the Newsletter and also their membership of the committee. They have produced informative and entertaining newsletters since the first issue in 1986. Everyone will want to thank them for their dedication and hard work. David has been the catalyst for the creation of the Society. Firstly linking up with the other key founder members – John Pleydell of Knutsford and the late Jeannette Pleydell – and then, with John, organising the very successful Pleydell get together in Oxford in 1995. It was then that David initiated and led the discussion which resulted in the formation of the Society.

Marion and I have taken over the editorship and hope that, with this issue, we are maintaining standards.

Rachel and Simon Martin have rejoined the committee.

Eric Pleydell is our Hon. Secretary.

Pat Hanby remains our Hon. Treasurer and keeps an eye on our membership. She is also a keen researcher, providing a flow of interesting and valuable findings.

Robin Pleydell of Melbourne is the representative (at a distance) and co-ordinator of matters relating to Australia and New Zealand. He was also the author of “John Pleydell 1810-1875 – A Journey”, that excellent book about his ancestor.

As has been written often, we welcome contact with you. Whether you have news you wish to pass on, would like to join the committee, or have any queries, we would be pleased to hear from you. You can get in touch by e-mail, through the website, by telephone or surface mail. We are totally accessible. Remember this is the newsletter for all the Society members, and so we'd always be delighted to hear your comments, questions, ideas and information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Geoffrey and Marion Pleydell

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