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## The Path to Rome

The life and works of  
**Hilaire Belloc**  
1870 - 1953

In celebration of his life, on the occasion  
of the fiftieth anniversary of his death



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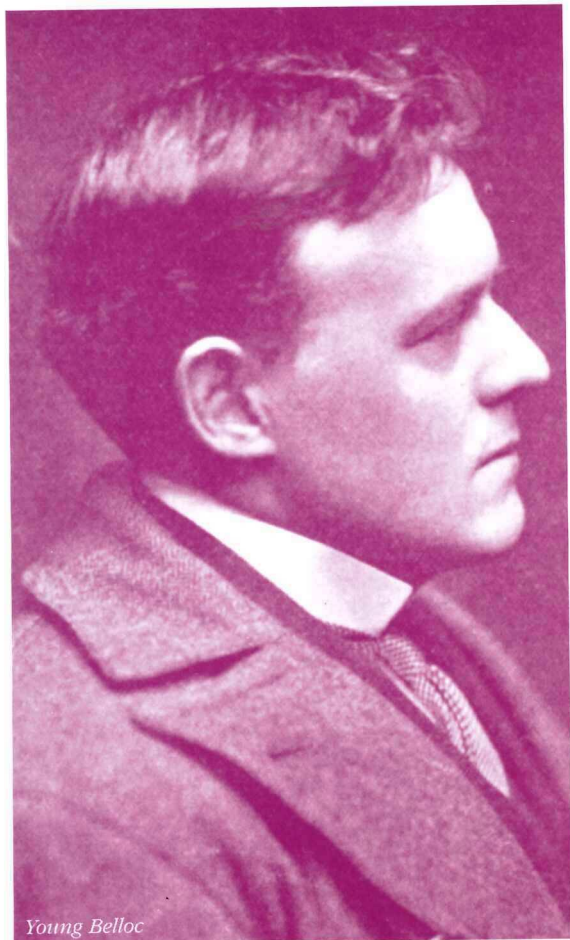
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*Young Belloc*

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### *Hilaire Belloc 1870 - 1953*

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*"His wit was French, but his humour English. He was profoundly moved by the beauty of English landscape, but preferred the French way of living. His military temper, his love of justice rather than order, the logical processes of his thought were French, At sea he was English... In appearance he seemed to be an Englishman dressed as a Frenchman".*

*J.B. MORTON*

*"When you talked to him, or when you read him, you noted his zest for life, his appetite for conflict, his swift changes of mood, his orderly method of thought, his certitude, his sense of fun, his hatred of injustice. His very manner of speech was often echoed in his writing – with all kinds of parenthesis and afterthought thrown out noisily and impudently".*

*J.B. MORTON*



*Along the route to Gumber*

*From a postcard in the Library Service Collection*

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## Hilaire Belloc 1870 - 1953

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Belloc first came to Sussex as a boy, eventually making it his lifelong home. He loved its countryside deeply, but felt a life-long urge to travel.

He cared about the beauty of the landscape and the individuality of the countryman's ways, which he saw threatened by modern progress. He steeped himself in history and many of his views were coloured by his staunch Catholicism, a product of his French background.

England felt uncomfortable with this accomplished public speaker, whose wide range of published work was often at odds with the mood of his time.

This selective booklist offers a flavour of Belloc's tremendous output and highlights his close links with Sussex.



## Highlights of Belloc's Life

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| <b>1870</b>    | Born 27 July at what is now no. 8 Avenue Camille Normand, La Celle Saint Cloud, near Paris   |
| <b>1871</b>    | Death of his French father, Louis.   |
| <b>1878</b>    | Belloc, his mother, Bessie, and sister, Marie, left London to live at Slindon, near Arundel, firstly renting Slindon Cottage – now the Dower House – then moving to Newlands, which they renamed The Grange. |
| <b>1878-80</b> | Attended Heath Brow prep school, Hampstead.  |
| <b>1880-87</b> | Attended the Oratory School, Edgbaston, Birmingham.  |
| <b>1887</b>    | French naval cadet in Paris  |
| <b>1888</b>    | Worked for a Sussex farmer at Bury, with the idea of becoming a land agent, but was dismissed.<br>Apprenticed to a London architect  |
| <b>1890</b>    | Fell in love with Elodie Hogan, an American staying in London.   |
| <b>1891</b>    | Followed her to her California home, but encouraged by her mother, she refused him and he returned to England.<br>As a French citizen, he joined the French artillery as a driver.                           |
| <b>1893-95</b> | Oxford undergraduate at Balliol, reading Modern History. Elected President of the Union and awarded a first class degree, but failed to be elected a fellow and this rejection made him bitter all his life  |

## Highlights of Belloc's Life

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- 1896** Married Elodie Hogan in California. They returned to England to live at Oxford. He worked as an 'extension lecturer'.
- 1897** Birth of first child, Louis John. First American lecture tour
- 1899** Moved from Oxford to Chelsea. Birth of second child, Eleanor.
- 1900** Met G.K. Chesterton, a lifelong friend collaborator and supporter. Third child Elizabeth, born.
- 1901** Bought sailing boat, the Nona, which he moored at Littlehampton
- 1902** Became a naturalised British subject. Birth of fourth child, Hilary
- 1903** Left Chelsea home as expensive and cramped and went to live at Bleak House, Slindon.
- 1904** Birth of fifth and last child, Peter
- 1905** Travelled to North Africa, written up in *Esto Perpetua* (1906). Moved to Court Hill Farm, Slindon.
- 1906** Moved to King's Land, Shipley, near Horsham, his family home for the rest of his life.
- 1906-10** Literary editor of *The Morning Post*. Liberal M.P. for South Salford, Lancashire. Became disenchanted with politics and resigned.

## Highlights of Belloc's Life

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- 1914** Death of Belloc's wife, Elodie and her burial at West Grinstead; Belloc shattered and in despair.
- 1914-18** Wrote and lectured extensively on the war.
- 1918** Death of eldest son, Louis, on active service with the Royal Flying Corps.
- 1923** Lecture tour of America.
- 1924** Death of his mother at Slindon where she was buried in the Roman Catholic churchyard.
- 1934** Awarded Knight Commander with Star Order of St. Gregory the Great.
- 1935** Tour of America, Cuba, Spain and the Holy Land.
- 1937** Last lecture tour to America.
- 1941** Death of his second son, Peter, on active service with the Royal Marines; buried at West Grinstead.
- 1942** Suffered a slight stroke, which left him prematurely senile. Writing and travelling now curtailed.
- 1953** Death 16 July at the Franciscan Mount Alvernia Nursing Home, Guildford, after a fall at King's Land. Buried in the Roman Catholic churchyard of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead.



"When I am dead, I hope it may be said: 'His sins were scarlet, but his books were read.'"

BELLOC, Hilaire  
Letters from Hilaire Belloc  
X0050890X B BEL  
Hollis & Carter 1958

An account of Belloc's life seen through his own eyes and from his own pen. Edited by Robert Spaight, the letters were written between 1897 and 1941 to his many friends. Full of Belloc's view of life, they gave a rare insight in his character.

HAYNES, Renée  
Hilaire Belloc  
X000737828 824.91 BEL  
Longmans 1958  
- another edition  
0582010357 824.91 BEL  
Northcote House

This slight critical work gives a brief overview of the range of Belloc's literary output, giving a taste of the nature of his poetry, prose, travel, sociology, biographical and historical works, emphasising the best of each type.

MORTON, J. B.  
Hilaire Belloc: A Memoir  
X000894176 B BEL  
John Bingham 1955

The author, a friend of Belloc's son, Peter, knew the writer during his later years. This affectionate tribute examines Belloc's love of the sea, his travels, his life in London and Sussex, his beliefs, habits, loneliness and generous nature.

MCCARTHY, Dermot  
Sailing with Mr. Belloc  
0002727757 797.124  
Collins Harvill 1986

A fascinating account of the author's sailing adventures as one of Belloc's crew between 1931 and 1938 on the old cutter, 'Jersey', rescued from Chichester Harbour. Includes first hand description of Belloc's personality and references to Littlehampton and Shoreham-by-Sea.

PEARCE, Joseph  
Old Thunder: a life of Hilaire Belloc  
0002740958 B BEL  
Harper Collins 2002

The most recent and, at over 300 pages, the most detailed biography yet written.

*Assistance from Belloc relatives and friends, together with the use of some previously unused sources at West Sussex Record Office and at American universities, make this the new standard work on the great man's life. Includes a comprehensive bibliography of his works.*

**WILSON, A.N.**

Hilaire Belloc

0749324074

*Mandarin new ed. 1997*

**B BEL**

*An accomplished biography, first published in 1984. Using a wide range of source material, this scholarly, but readable, book takes us through the detail of a distinguished, busy and adventurous life and brings to life this great Man of Letters.*

**Cromwell**

X002333481

*Cassell 1934*

**CRO**

*A work of impressive but flawed scholarship based on Belloc's interpretation of Cromwell's personality and morality. The Catholic in Belloc comes to the fore as he harshly blames Cromwell for engineering Charles I's execution. Largely discredited as an accurate biography, it is none-the-less an interesting read.*

**Eye-Witness**

X000508810

*Dent 1924*

**824.91 BEL**

**B BEL**

*Various historical events from the Roman invasion of Britain to an Edwardian political meeting are described by an imaginary eyewitness. An original way of presenting history to the student when it was first published in 1908, it anticipates the modern emphasis on empathy. Includes the battles of Hastings (1066) and Lewes (1264).*

**French Revolution**

X000508845

*Butterworth 1929*

**944.04**

*A different slant on the Revolution seen through the eyes of a Frenchman. Each step is seen in the most minute detail with charts of the battle fields. A human dimension is introduced with a close look at the motives, the politics and the people who propelled the force of events which changed France's destiny at the end of the eighteenth century.*

*"Child! do not throw this book about!  
Refrain from the unholy pleasure  
Of cutting all the pictures out!  
Preserve it as your chiefest treasure."*

*"I call you bad, my little child,  
Upon the title page,  
Because a manner rude and wild  
Is common at your age."*

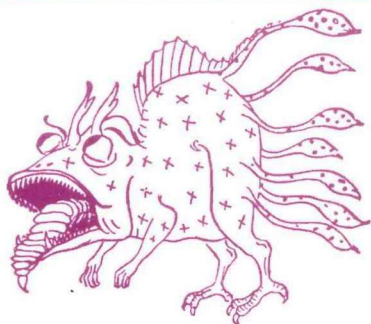


**Bad Child's Book of Beasts**

0224031546

J821.91 BEL

*This collection of funny verse about wild animals will amuse children who are a little wild themselves. While a yak might make a good pet, your underwear might be all that is left of you if you play with a tiger!*



**Cautionary Verses**

0099295318

J821.91 BEL

Red Fox 1995

*[illustrated by Quentin Blake]*

- another version:

1857159373

J821.91 BEL

Everyman's Library 1995

*[illustrated by Basil Blackwood & Nicholas Bentley]*

*There could be lessons to be learnt from these humorous rhymes; don't be like Jim who runs away from his nurse and gets eaten by a lion! Although these verses were written over fifty years ago, they are as fresh and funny today.*

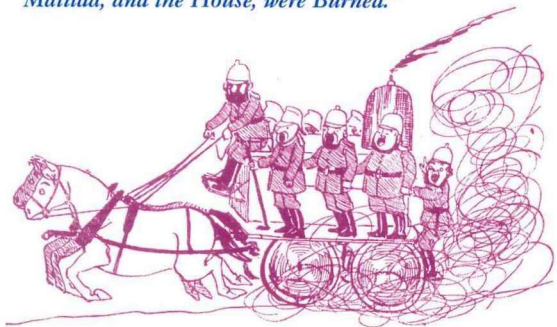




Matilda Who Told Lies and Was Burned To Death  
0224030973 *Fiction*  
Cape 1991

*Let this be a warning to children who tell whoppers; Matilda told such terrible lies that she called the Fire Brigade for help: they did not come. Yes...Matilda fried!*

*"For ever time She shouted 'Fire!'  
They only answered 'Little Liar!'  
And therefore when her Aunt returned,  
Matilda, and the House, were Burned."*



Belloc: A Biographical Anthology  
0048280046  
Allen & Unwin 1970

B BEL

*The best place to start for a flavour of Belloc's writings. This anthology presents snippets from Belloc's major published works and whets the appetite to want to go and read more.*

Hilaire Belloc: An  
Anthology of his Prose  
and Verse  
X00508861 824.91 BEL  
Hart-Davis 1951

*Some 43 extracts from his best-known works such as his children's tales, The Cruise of the Nona, The Four Men, The Hills and the Sea, The Path to Rome and Sonnets and Verse. Includes the following excellent poems: Ha'nacker Mill, Heroic Poem in Praise of Wine and the South Country.*



Hilaire Belloc  
aboard the "Nona"

Selected Essays of Hilaire Belloc  
X000509086

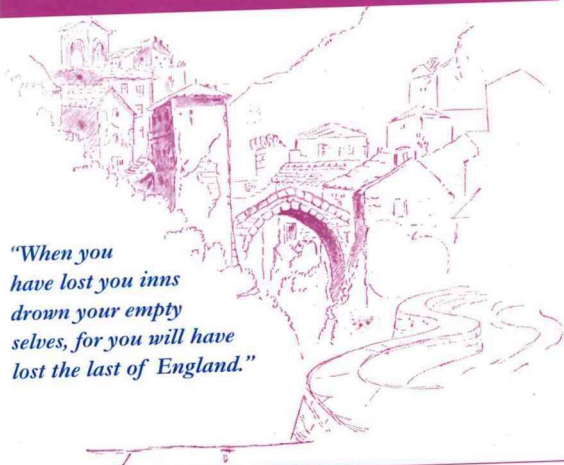
824.91 BEL

*One of the finest prose writers of his generation, his interests were diverse; he wrote of singing and sailing, of cheeses, Milton, warfare, of England, Spain and the Dordogne. Taken from other published essays this selection is introduced by J. B. Morton.*

Short Talks with the Dead  
X002091984  
Cape 1928

824.91 BEL

*These essays touch on a wide range of subjects, from poetry and writing, through historical figures, to the trivia of life. All are seen from Belloc's particular and oblique point of view.*



*"When you have lost your inns  
drown your empty  
selves, for you will have  
lost the last of England."*

Belinda  
X0100449789  
Constable 1928

*The only daughter of a rich Wiltshire baronet embarks on a passionate relationship with a poor neighbour. Will their love triumph over the misguided efforts of her father, his housekeeper and a rival suitor to keep them apart?*

Emerald of Catherine the Great  
X00251317X  
Arrowsmith 1926

*The emerald is the heirloom of the de Bobun family and when it disappears during a weekend party at the ancestral home, suspicion fall on three luckless male guests who each use bilarious ingenuity to prove their innocence.*

Green Overcoat  
X01004986X  
Arrowsmith 1912

*When Mr Brassington's coat is stolen, it brings adventure and misfortune to all who handle it, and equilibrium can only be restored with its return to its rightful owner.*

*Belloc's Fiction*

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**Haunted House**

X00213859X

*Arrowsmith* 1927

*A comedy set on a Sussex estate in 1927, describing how John Maple, with the help of his spirited and resourceful American fiancée, reclaims his ancestral home, with the help of a fictitious ghost.*

**Mercy of Allah**

0701120010

*Chatto and Windus* 1973

*Set in Baghdad, the absorbing life story of Mahmoud, a wealthy merchant, as told to his seven nephews. Entertaining anecdotes satirise materialism, taxation, lawyers and politicians.*

*These novels have all been illustrated with line drawings by G. K. Chesterton, Belloc's great friend and fellow orator.*

*Belloc's Poetry*

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**Complete Verse**

X000030570

*Duckworth* 1970

821.91 BEL

*Despite his voluminous output, Belloc wanted to be remembered for his verse. Here is the entire collection, including Sonnets and Verse, his poems for children, snippets of poetry from his prose works, and of course, his major poems. For the lover of poetry and the Belloc fan this is the one he would have liked you to pick up.*

Belloc's Sociology, Politics & Religion

Europe and The Faith

X002159791

274

Constable 1920

*Here is Belloc on his favourite hobby-horse. Using his distinctive, wordy, discursive style, he sees the development of the European nations through the eyes of Rome and Belloc. History is rewritten from the Catholic point of view and this is Belloc putting the record straight. Not an easy work to read, but worth browsing through as an oddity, which sat uncomfortably with the books of the day.*

Servile State

X000509140

335

Constable 1927

*This well organised and intellectually demanding read was written at a time of political turmoil at home and abroad. Both socialism and capitalism are taken to their logical conclusion and exposed. Belloc treads the middle path and warns against the loss of individual liberties.*

*"Gentlemen, I am a Catholic...If you reject me on account of my religion, I shall thank God that He has spared me the indignity of being your representative."*

County of Sussex

X000030597

914.225

Cassell 1936

*A comprehensive guide to the County's physical nature, history and features of interest. His theories on geology and history have been partly superseded, but particularly valuable is the final section on contemporary Sussex, including the dialect and nature of locals, landscape and coastline.*

Four Men: A Farago

0854681108

824.91

Tom Stacy 1971 (originally published 1912)

*In 1902 Belloc resolved to walk from Robertsbridge to Harting. Picking up an old man, a poet and a sailor en route, they spend four days travelling from one pub to another, telling tall stories of Sussex and meeting improbable locals.*

Across Sussex with Belloc: in the footsteps of  
'The Four Men' [by Bob Copper]  
0750906030 914.225  
Alan Sutton 1994  
(also paperback edition 0750910224 Alan Sutton  
1995)

*Bob describes his two recent (1950 and 1984) walks which recreated the writer's famous journey and introduces the reader to the best prose in the original novel (see above). This is a wonderful tribute to Belloc and one of the most entertaining and moving Sussex books written in recent years.*

*"If I ever become a rich man,  
Or if ever I grow to be old,  
I will build a house with deep thatch  
To shelter me from the cold,  
And there shall the Sussex songs be sung  
And the story of Sussex told."*

Hills and the Sea  
X002336367 824.91  
Methuen 1915

*Some 38 essays loosely associated with hills and sea, many of which were published in newspapers and periodicals. Around one fifth are set in Sussex, including The Mowing of a Field, The Roman Road, The Valley of the Rother and At the Sign of the Lion. Persevere beyond an obscure introduction to enjoy one of the classics.*

Short Stories from West Sussex, a Collection of  
Short Stories by West Sussex Writers,  
Inspired by Hilaire Belloc  
X030663407 823.91  
West Sussex County Council 1993

*The best stories entered in a competition organised by the County Council were selected and published to mark the 40th anniversary of Belloc's death.*

Stane Street: A Monograph  
X000509124 913.422  
Constable 1913

*An introduction to Roman roads in Britain is followed by a detailed account of the history and topography of Stane Street, section by section, from its beginning in Chichester to London Bridge, along what is now the A29 in places. Includes charming illustrations by W. Hyde and many sketch maps.*

*"When I am living in the Midlands  
That are sodden and unkind...  
And the great hills of the South Country  
Come back into my mind."*

Cruise of the Nona  
X002568454 910.4  
Constable 1925

*Belloc recounts the story of a journey in his sailing boat, the Nona, from Anglesey to its home port of Shoreham-by-Sea. A typical mix of travel book, sailing stories, advice and philosophy. One of the Belloc classics!*

Historic Thames  
0863502733 396.094  
Webb and Bower 1988

*Belloc uses all 215 miles of the river to highlight his view of the development of English history. Abingdon, Oxford, Wallingford, Reading, Windsor and London itself are used to show the importance of roads, fords, monasteries and industry in the progress of man.*

Old Road: From Canterbury to Winchester  
X000508934 914.22  
Constable 1911

*A study of the origins of the Pilgrims' Way between these two cathedral cities, with a substantial walkers' guide. The archaeological/historical theories may be a little dated, but enjoy Belloc's descriptive prose in the second half.*

Path to Rome  
X002606623 914  
Allen 1902  
- another version  
0895267845 914  
Regnery Gateway 1988

*A superbly written account of his walk from Toul, where he served in the French army, to Rome. Vivid descriptions of the local scenery, complete with sketches, and interspersed with Belloc's philosophy of life and joie de vivre. A classic.*

*Belloc the walker on his arrival in Rome, 1901*



Pyrenees  
X002305860 914.6  
Methuen 1923

*Everything you ever wanted to know about this mountain chain...and more. With minute topographical detail, how to survive trekking on foot, how to read maps, follow the roads, or simply how to enjoy each of the numerous, isolated history-rich villages.*

Return to the Baltic  
X00271924X 914.8  
Constable 1938

*Belloc recounts his impressions on revisiting Denmark, Poland and Sweden, using them to expound on his views on history, conservation, architecture, poetry, press and property, as well as geography and travel.*

*"Sally is gone that was so kindly  
Sally is gone from Ha'nacker Hill.  
And the Briar grows ever since then so blindly  
And ever since then the clapper is still,  
And the sweeps have fallen from Ha'nacker Mill."*

**Burton** Visited and corresponded frequently with Mrs Diana Wright-Biddulph (godmother to his first son, Louis) of **Burton Park** and rode her horses at nearby **Barlavington Park**.

**Littlehampton** One of the home ports of his yachts the Nona from the early 1900s to 1927, and the Dreadnought.

**Midhurst** A favourite place for excursions by bicycle and Ford Tourer motor car was the **Spread Eagle Hotel**.

**Rodmell** Frequent visitor in the 1920s to **Hill Farm**, home of Jim Allison, an Australian friend, en route to and from Newhaven for trips to France; Hilaire and Elodie were godparents to Jim's little boy.

**Shipley** Lived at the medieval **King's Land** from 22nd August 1906 until shortly before his death on 16th July 1953. Bought the house, **Shipley (King's) Mill** and some farmland. Often visited Wilfred Scawen Blunt at nearby **Newbuildings Place**. The war memorial in Shipley Parish Church commemorates his eldest son, Louis.

**Shipley Windmill**

X0300060240 621.45

*Shipley Windmill Trustees 1992*

This short pamphlet outlines the history of the mill once owned by Belloc. Includes a section of the working of the mill and a brief account of Belloc's life and association with Shipley.

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**Shoreham-by-Sea** One of the home ports of the Nona from early 1900s, and the Jersey in the 1930s.

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**Slindon** **Slindon Cottage (now The Dower House)** first Sussex home of the young Hilaire, his mother Madame Elizabeth, (Bessie) Parkes Belloc and sister Marie from July 1878.

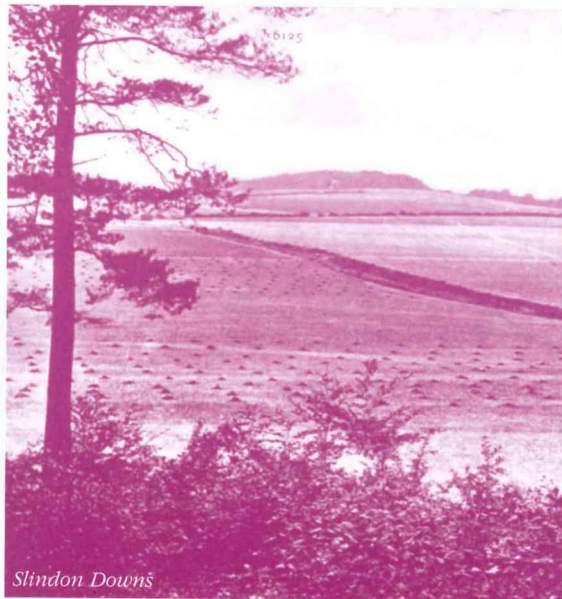
**The Grange (previously Newlands)**, home of Bessie's home for much of her later life until her death in 1925. **Bleak House**, home of Hilaire, Elodie and their 5 children from 1903 to 1905, following which they took a lease on **Courthill Farm**, from February 1905 to August 1906. **St. Richard's R C Churchyard**, burial place of Bessie.

**Gumber**, an area north of Slindon and a very special place to Belloc (see pages 28 - 30)

The walk to nearby **Halnaker Windmill** was a favourite and inspired one of his most famous poems.

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**West Grinstead** **Our Lady of Consolation R C Churchyard**, burial place of Hilaire (1953) Elodie (1914), and son Peter (1941). Frequent visitor to the **Tabby Cat Inn** and the Burrell family home at **Knepp Castle**.



*Slindon Downs*



**Hilaire Belloc, Slindon and Gumber**

by Kim Leslie of West Sussex Record Office

If there is one place in Sussex associated in the popular mind with Hilaire Belloc it is Shipley where he lived for nearly fifty years until his death in 1953. King's Land, his rambling country house where he wrote so many of his books, will be linked forever with the name of Belloc.

He loved Sussex with a passion; a passion first nurtured, not at Shipley, but at Slindon where he came to live as a young boy with his mother in 1878. One of his earliest Sussex memories was of downland around Slindon:

In this place, when I was a boy, I pushed through a fringe of beeches that made a complete screen between me and the world, and I came to a glade called No Man's Land. I climbed beyond it, and I was surprised and glad, because from the ridge of that glade I saw the sea.

'from the Mowing of a Field' in *Hills and the Sea* (1906)

Hills and the sea were the essence of his love for Sussex. Away from Sussex was to be in exile:

When I am living in the Midlands  
That are sodden and unkind,  
I light my lamp in the evening:  
My work is left behind;  
And the great hills of the South Country  
Come back into my mind.  
The great hills of the South Country

They stand along the sea;  
And it's there walking in the high woods  
That I could wish to be,  
And the men that were boys when I was a boy  
Walking along with me.  
from 'The South Country' in *Verses* (1910)

This vision in exile - the high woods in the hills by the sea - was of downland Slindon. This to Belloc was his real home, his roots.

In his preface to *The Four Men* (1912), Belloc spelt out his passion for roots, the need for a native place:

.....a man come[s] to love with all his heart, that part of earth which nourished his boyhood.... and he finds in it the character of enduring things.

And that part of earth which nourished Belloc's boyhood was Slindon, his own adopted native place. So after his marriage to his American wife, Elodie, in California, and the birth of their children in London, when he needed a place in the country he turned again to Slindon, to his boyhood roots.

In 1903 he returned, this time to Bleak House, high on the wooded ridge within the glint of the sea far below. A blue plaque commemorating Belloc marks this house in Top Road, Slindon.

A Sussex householder for the first time, Belloc had come home.

Some two miles north of Slindon, enfolded in the downs, is a place very special to Belloc called Gumber. This isolated farmstead is up a rough track at the head of

a valley...remote from ambition and from fear, where the passage of strangers is rare and unperceived, and where the scent of the grass in summer is breathed only by those who are native to that unvisited land.

'from The Mowing of a Field'

From Slindon he walked or rode his pony all over the downs hereabouts: to Nore Hill, No Man's Land, Stane Street, Duncton Hill, Halnaker. Draw a circle around these places and at their centre is Gumber, the very heart of a landscape which was to nourish and feed his soul for the rest of his life.

Lift up your hearts in Gumber, laugh the Weald  
And you most ancient Valley of Arun sing.  
Here am I homeward from my wandering,  
Here am I homeward and my heart is healed.  
If I was thirsty, I have heard a spring.  
If I was dusty, I have found a field.

from *Sonnets and Verse* (1923)

Belloc's deep love of this place and its significance to his life will be marked by a plaque to be unveiled on the 50th anniversary of his death on 27 July 2003. It is to be placed close to the National Trust's Bothy, which offers overnight accommodation for downland walkers, so highly appropriate in view of Hilaire Belloc's own passions for walking and exploration. He may have been buried at West Grinstead, but by his own testimony the heart of his soul endures amongst these Gumber hills.

*"Mr. Hilaire Belloc is a case for legislation AD HOC. He seems to think nobody minds his books being all of different kinds."* E. CLERIHEW BENTLEY

1896	Verses and Sonnets The Bad Child's Book of Beasts
1897	More Beasts (For Worse Children)
1898	The Modern Traveller
1899	A Moral Alphabet Danton Extracts From the Diaries and Letters of Hubert Howard
1900	Paris Lambkin's Remains
1901	Robespierre
1902	The Path to Rome
1903	Caliban's Guide to Letters The Romance of Tristan and Iseult The Great Inquiry Why Eat?
1904	The Old Road Avril Emmanuel Burden
1906	Esto Perpetua An Open Letter on the Decay of Faith Hills and the Sea Sussex

- 1907** Cautionary Tales For Children  
The Historic Thames
- 
- 1908** The Eye-Witness  
The Catholic Church and Historical Truth  
An Examination of Socialism  
On Nothing  
Mr. Clutterbuck's Election
- 
- 1909** Marie Antoinette  
The Pyrenees  
The Church and Socialism  
On Everything  
A Change in the Cabinet
- 
- 1910** Verses  
The Ferrer Case  
On Anything  
On Something  
Pongo and the Bull
- 
- 1911** The Party System (with Cecil Chesterton)  
Socialism and the Servile State (with J. Ramsay  
Macdonald)  
More Peers  
The French Revolution  
The Battle of Blenheim  
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- 1913** The Stane Street  
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- 1914** The Book of the Bayeux Tapestry  
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- 1916** The Last Days of the French Monarchy  
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- 1918** The Free Press  
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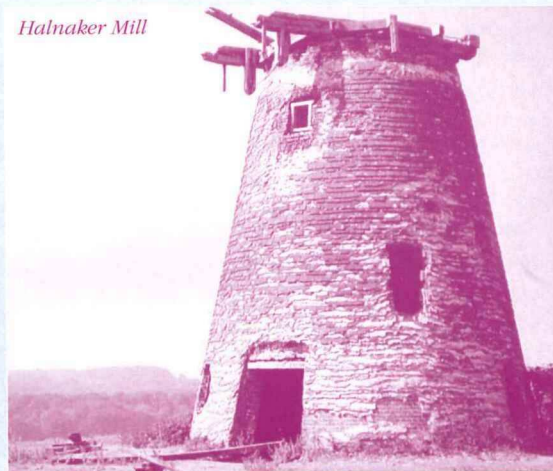
- 1919** The Principles of War by Marshal Foch  
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- 1922** The Jews  
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- 1923** Sonnets and Verse  
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- 1925** A History of England – Vol. I.  
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- 1926** The Highway and its Vehicles  
The Emerald of Catherine The Great  
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- 1928** A History of England – Vol. III  
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- 1929** Joan Of Arc  
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- 1930** New Cautionary Tales  
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A Pamphlet, July 27th 1930 (for HB's sixtieth  
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The Man Who Made Gold
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- 1931** A Conversation with a Cat  
The Praise of Wine; An Heroic Poem  
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- 1938** The Great Heresies  
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- 1939** On Sailing the Sea  
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- 1940** The Last Rally: a Story of Charles II  
The Catholic and The War  
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English Letters
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- 1941** The Silence of the Sea
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- 1942** Elizabethan Commentary  
Places
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- 1955** One Thing and Another
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- 1960** Advice

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*"From quiet homes and first beginnings,  
Out to the undiscovered ends,  
There's nothing worth the wear of winning,  
But laughter and the love of friends."*

**March 22nd to June 8th**

**Hilaire Belloc Anniversary Walk(s)**

An 80 mile journey over eight days, commencing the weekend of 22nd & 23rd March, continuing 12th & 13th April, 10th & 11th May and finishing on the 7th & 8th June. The walks are in the style of The Four Men, beginning at Robertsbridge in East Sussex and finishing at South Harting in West Sussex.

*For further information and a booking form please send an SAE to:*

**'Footprints of Sussex'**,  
Pear Tree Cottage, Jarvis Lane,  
Steyping, West Sussex BN44 3GL

**April 6th at 2pm**

**Shipley Windmill Open Day(s)**

The launch day for the Belloc Programme of Events. The mill is also open 2pm to 5pm on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of every month between April and October inclusive and during the Shipley Festival on 3rd, 4th & 5th May.

*Further information from Penny Murray,  
Clerk to the Trustees, 01243 777642 or  
Mr D. French 01403 730439.*

**May 8th at 7-30pm**

**Talk**

*In the Steps of Hilaire Belloc: 100 years of the countryside,* a talk by Nick Channer in the Richmond Room, Edes House, West Street, Chichester.

Tickets at £3, including a glass of wine, available in April from Chichester Library, Tower Street, or from the Help Point, Oriel Lodge, 25 West Street, Chichester PO19 1RZ, tel. 01243 753830 [also by post from the latter - SAE please].

**June 27th**

**Copper Family Evening**

*The Four Men: a celebration of Sussex in words & song,* performed by Bob Copper & family, at the North Cray Building, Weald & Downland Museum

*NB invited guests only.*

**July 5th and 12th**

**Pilgrimages**

Belloc is buried in the churchyard at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St. Francis, Park Lane, West Grinstead. Both pilgrimages begin at 11am followed by a Mass at 12 noon. All are welcome.

Other events are being considered.

*Further information from the Shrine Administrator  
tel. 01403 710273*

**July 13th  
Anniversary Walk**

Includes a visit to King's Land, the Belloc family home, and 'Mrs Shipley'; followed by a musical performance by Bob Copper & friends at The Fountain, Ashurst.

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**July 16th at 7-30pm  
Talk**

*Belloc's Special Place...* by Kim Leslie of West Sussex Record Office.

Venue:  
Worthing Library  
Richmond Road  
Worthing  
BN11 1HD  
tel. 01903 206961

*In association with the West Sussex Literary Society.*

Tickets £3 [£2 for West Sussex Literary Society members] from the above or may be ordered via any West Sussex public library; tickets available from mid June.

**July 27th  
Plaque Unveiling**

Gumber, north of Slindon, had great significance for Belloc. West Sussex County Council, in association with the National Trust, will unveil a commemorative plaque at the Bothy.

NB invited guests only

*For further information on any of the events above please contact*

Martin Hayes,  
Principal Librarian: Local Studies on 01903 212414 or  
Kim Leslie on 01243 753600.

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**28th & 29th August**

**Arrangements for a Belloc Conference at Oxford are being finalised.**

*Further information from*

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01730 825575 or  
e-mail [HilaireBelloc1@aol.com](mailto:HilaireBelloc1@aol.com)





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