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Cover picture – King George V admires a substantial cabbage during a wartime visit to Battersea on 20 July 1918. According to the contemporary caption, Battersea Borough Council established about two thousand allotments like this one on Clapham Common as part of a major drive to produce more food at home. (Wandsworth Museum Collection)

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Preface

Founded in 1953, the Wandsworth Historical Society has published the results of local history research from the earliest years of its existence. This index encompasses the whole of that material, and supersedes all previous lists issued by the Society. It does, however, draw heavily on the earlier work of Stanley Bailey, Keith Bailey and Rita Ensing, and their contributions are gratefully acknowledged. Their system of indexing has, broadly speaking, been retained for ease of use, dividing the listing into the following subject headings, some of which are further broken down into individual areas or parishes etc. as appropriate.

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The various series of the Society's publications may be summarised as follows:

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<i>News Sheet / Newsletter</i>	These have been issued since 1956, with a gap in the mid-1970s. Prior to the spring of 1970, they were numbered within each year as issues 1-6, and these appear in the index as N1/56, N6/68, etc. From spring 1970, they have been numbered in a continuous series allowing for those already issued. This series commences at no. 88, and appears in the index as N88, N111, etc. Only a few historical articles have appeared in the <i>Newsletter</i> since the introduction of the <i>WH</i> .
<i>Broad Sheet</i>	Three of these appeared in 1955, and they are represented by the abbreviation BS.
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* The titles in these series are shown in *italics* in the index, followed by the year in which they were published.

Items of no permanent reference value in the *Wandsworth Historian* and the Society's *Newsletter* have been ignored. Also disregarded are the many book reviews that have appeared in the *WH*. Generally speaking, the definite or indefinite article has been omitted from the beginning of each entry. The latest *Wandsworth Historian* to be included in this index is no. 100; the latest Wandsworth Paper is no. 28.

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Dear Madam,

I thank you for your interesting letter on street names of this Borough, but regret to say that your source of information was slightly incorrect in stating that "Bletsoe" and "Bolitho" Roads were in the Lavender Hill district in the 80's or 90's of the last century.

The facts are as follows:-

On the 21st October 1881 the Metropolitan Board of Works approved an application made on behalf of Mr. A. Heaver for the formation of new roads to lead out of the south side of Lavender Hill on a portion of the Lavender Sweep Estate, and of the names "Bleisho Road" and "Beauchamp Road" .

Both of these names are connected with the St. John family - Bleisho being a variant of Bletsoe.

In 1890, the London County Council had to consider the re-numbering of the houses in Bleisho Road, and as it ran into Beauchamp Road considered it convenient and desirable to abolish the former name. Thus what was formerly Bleisho Road is now the portion of Beauchamp Road leading off Lavender Hill.

Trusting this explanation will answer your enquiry.

Yours faithfully,

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