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Apologies to Mike Grindley. The caption on the lower illustration on p.25 should have read 'Miss C.A. Rolles, last surviving great-granddaughter of Captain John Cooke' and the caption on the illustration on p.26 should have read 'Mrs Mary Yiend, daughter of William Hunt'.



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### ***'Recent books and articles on the history of Cheltenham' by Steven Blake p.51***

The price of the *Swindon Village Collection 7* (2002) was inadvertently given as £4.00 on p.52 of Journal 22. The correct price is £8, to cover the cost of the laminated covers and reproduction of photographs. If you would like a copy of this or any other book from the *Swindon Village Collection* please contact Eileen Allen by email [emallen@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:emallen@blueyonder.co.uk).

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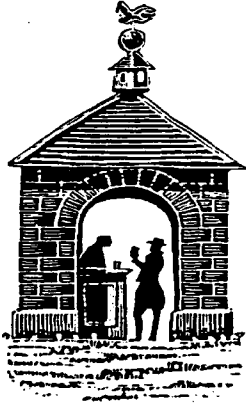
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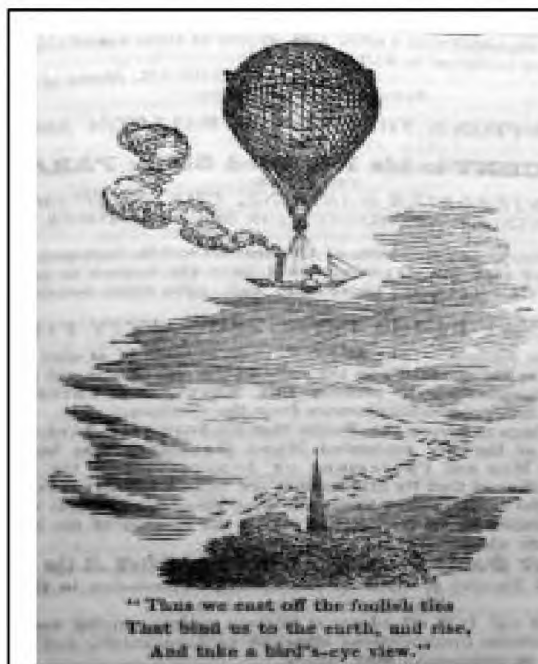
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This fine looking gentleman, on an equally well turned out horse is the noted Cheltenham builder, A.C. Billings. He hunted, it is said, in order to make contacts with gentry who might require building work on their mansions.

See Anthea Jones's article 'Dr Grace Billings' pp.23-26

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### A Note on the Cover Images

#### **Front cover: Site plan of the Sandford Parks Lido,**

drawn by G. Gould Marsland, Borough and Water Engineer, Cheltenham Borough Council, dated August 1934, showing the Lido as built (without the children's pool); coloured for easier identification of elements in the design and included thus in Lake, J., *Sandford Parks Lido Conservation Plan*, available from the Sandford Parks Lido website,

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[See Jeremy Lake's article, 'The Sandford Parks Lido: A Revolutionary Landscape', pp.114-130, above.]

#### **Rear cover, Apprenticeship indenture of John Cheltnam,**

son of William Cheltnam, of the parish of St Bartholomew the Great, City of London, hot presser, to John Steemson, citizen and mason, 12 February 1757.

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