

# Barton Voice



## FERRARS

# IN ENGAGEMENT SHOCK

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## SHOCK FERRARS – STEELE ENGAGEMENT

In a shocking revelation by Miss Nancy Steele, it has come to light that a secret engagement has existed these four years past between Mr. Edward Ferrars and Miss Lucy Steele.

The attachment is believed to have been made when Mr. Edward Ferrars was under the tutelage of Miss Steele's uncle in Plymouth. Ferrars, as heir to his mother's fortune, has long been expected to marry very highly by his family, who are now distraught by this latest development. It is reported that Mrs. Ferrars intends to cut off her eldest son, if he stands by his engagement.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD EAR

We have recently had the delight to welcome the relocation of four splendid ladies into our dear part of England. Mrs. Dashwood, previously of Norland Park, Sussex and widow of the late Mr. Henry Dashwood, along with three Miss Dashwoods, will take up residence at Barton Cottage (which has for too long been left sadly uninhabited). Mrs. Dashwood's daughters, Elinor, Marianne and the younger Margaret are quite the picture of young, pretty and unaffected grace.



*Mr. John Middleton summarizes the latest developments.*

Marianne in particular has been discovered to have a rather charming talent with the pianoforte which we were happily entertained by on our first evening with the family. I hear the elder sister, Elinor, has quite the eye with a paintbrush, and I am sure we all wait attentively for her first landscape of our dear Barton Valley.

I am certain that Miss Elinor and Miss Marianne Dashwood would be delighted with the company of any young persons in the area, being quite unknown to anyone but ourselves at Barton Park at the present time.

## EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE



*Mrs. John Dashwood reflects on recent events.*

Since relocating to Norland estate, left to my dear husband by his doting uncle Sir Henry Dashwood, we have had a pleasant few months both on the estate and in London. My dear little Henry has been quite admired by the servants and everyone who sees him.

We have of course had to do much in the way of

modernizing the house, as the previous occupiers had left it quite out of current taste. I have diligently risen to the task, bringing in all the latest of fashions from the French lines.

In London I have made some pleasant new acquaintances though some have turned out to be much less than what they appeared. Certain sisters are quite disagreeable in their complete lack of propriety and sense of station, to which I can only comment that we all simply want what is best for our families. I hope and pray that my dear brother understands what is sensible and makes the right choice so as not to break our poor mama's heart.

# WHY WOMEN MARRY

It is the pivotal moment in any young lady's life; The instant in the drawing room in which your gentleman caller requests a private audience with you alone. The door is closed; you sit meekly, barely daring to look up into the eyes of your future fiancé. He moves towards you, and, gently kneeling by your lap, he takes your hand and asks you the question you've waited all your life to be asked.

*"There is a proper way in which things are done."*

But what has brought you to this point, and what leads you onwards? Maybe to you, the answers are simple, but in reality ladies can differ greatly in their reasons for marrying, and particularly in their reasons for marrying a specific someone.



It used to be a simple case of an equal match, recounts Mrs. Fanny Dashwood, "There is a proper way in which things are done. One marries ones equal in class, wealth and intelligence. A sensible man requires a sensible woman for company who will raise a sensible heir."

The modern woman, however, has more on her mind than what is sensible. Whilst they may look above and beyond their own personal station for love, it is not money that they are seeing. For Miss Marianne Dashwood, 17, "His person and

manners must ornament his goodness with every possible charm." These women are looking for love above all else. Nothing less will persuade them into matrimony.

Mrs Jennings, an experienced matchmaker said of a recent attempted match, "It would be an excellent match, for

HE was rich, and SHE was handsome." Is this then the way marriage are going? An exchange of looks for money? Miss Marianne disagrees. She believes that if marriage occurred for any other reason than love, "To me it would seem only a commercial exchange, in which each wished to be benefited at the expense of the other."

Her sister, Miss Elinor Dashwood, 19, is slightly more practical in her views. "Two people need a reasonably degree of personal compatibility to marry but it can be dangerous to get caught up in dreamlike sensibilities".

"I do not understand the common mania currently for marrying out of one's station," says Mrs. Fanny Dashwood. "What can a woman of no fortune offer a respectable man? She is in want of money and nothing more. I think it is disgraceful".

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Widow, Mrs. Henry Dashwood, is perhaps most qualified to comment on the old ways. For her, a marriage is about a mutual respect. She says, "I have never yet known what it was to separate esteem and love."

It seems that our traditions are changing. One can only imagine how it will be for our daughters' daughters. So why did you, or why will you, as a modern woman, choose to marry? Is it for money, for position, for esteem, or simply for love?

FINDING MR. RIGHT

It is always the time to be looking for a husband! You simply need know where to look. I have spent many a year helping young ladies to find their perfect match.

I have come to learn that there are key elements in finding and attracting that ideal husband. Here are a few of the things I have come to see as essential.

**Make use of your connections:** Good favour is everything, ladies. Make your friends and family aware that you are looking for a husband. Not only will they know to tell you of any eligible men in their circle, but if you happen to meet someone with whom they are acquainted, they will be able to make introductions and give you a glowing

reference. I always keep a mental list of all my single friends. If two come to mind as similar in countenance, I always do my utmost to see them put together!

**Be in the right place:** London is the place to be my dears! Whilst you may want to stay close to home, there is only one man for every estate, so to find those who are free, one must venture into the melting pot. Spend even a week in London circles and you may find, or at least make contacts linking you to, the man of your dreams. Be sure to dance with as many different men as possible and keep your horizons open until you are sure you have find a worthy man who appears to reciprocate your feelings.

**Make the most of your strengths:** Some women have beauty, some have charisma, and some have intelligence. It is a rare and unlikely creature who has all three. No one is perfect and to try and be so will fool no man. Make the most of who you are, and try to match this to the men you seek. If you boast intelligence, look for a man who enjoys deep conversation, perhaps a clergyman or one who enjoys poetry. If it is beauty that is your strength, cultivate a demure personality and beware a fickle man who wishes for no more than a portrait on his arm.



*Mrs. Jennings imparts her wisdom on the young single ladies.*

HIS AND HERS!

*Our husband and wife team consider the birth of a child*

**Mrs. Charlotte Palmer**

Having a child is truly the most beautiful part of life. I am amazed at the charm and handsome looks of my little boy, and have quite honestly never seen any child like

*'He is quite the spitting image of his father.'*

him! He is quite the spitting image of his father.

It is such a delight to see him every morning and smell his sweet skin. It is also a pleasure to have so much company around this exhausting time. My mother has been quite the saviour and everyone who comes to stay cannot seem to spend enough time with my little boy. His popularity is astounding.

Everyone is in agreement that he will grow to be a most handsome gentleman and I know Mr. Palmer is very excited to have such a splendid child in place to inherit his estate.

**Mr. Thomas Palmer**



It is of course our duty, as gentlemen, to provide an heir for the estates of our forefathers. One has to wonder how men, down the years, have survived the fanaticism of their wives over their offspring.

The recent birth of my first child has brought an irritating disquiet to the household, quite unnecessarily disproportionate to the size of the boy. I am fully confident in my wife's ability to raise my heir, but he is in no way exceptional in my eyes. The world is full of consequential happenings; births are quite the common occurrence and no reason for alarm.

He is simply an infant like any other infant. And he most certainly does not resemble me.

*'Births are quite the common occurrence'*

BRANDON'S URGENT DEPARTURE EXPLAINED

New evidence has come to light regarding Colonel Brandon's urgent departure from planned jovial excursion to Whitwell.

It has recently been discovered that the 'distant relation' who so often visits the Colonel at Delaford is in fact the illegitimate daughter of his late brother's wife, Mrs Eliza Brandon. Following a disappearance of more than eight months, the daughter was discovered on the day of the Whitwell outing, to which Colonel Brandon attended immediately.

We still do not know the reasons for her disappearance, but it is believed that the girl has now been removed to the country.

# Grey's Ribbon Shop



3, Church Street, Barton Town.

## QUIZ!: WHAT KIND OF GIRL ARE YOU?

### 1. WHEN A GENTLEMAN CALLER ASKS FOR A FAVOUR FROM YOU, DO YOU GIVE HIM:

- A). A pressed flower from a walk which you shared the previous day.
- B). His favourite poem, written out in your hand.
- C). A lock of your hair.

### 2. YOUR IDEAL GIFT WOULD BE:

- A). A new dress.
- B). A ticket to an exotic country.
- C). A book of all the latest music.

### 3. YOUR REACTION WHEN SOMEONE GETS MARRIED IS:

- A). Oh all the exciting things they will do together!
- B). I hope they will have a very happy life together.
- C). Oh how completely romantic!

### 4. LOVE IS . . .

- A). A reward for careful consideration
- B). The greatest thing on earth.
- C). An adventure.

### 5. YOUR FAVOURITE HOBBY IS TO:

- A). Read or play the pianoforté
- B). Draw or paint.
- C). Read the news or climb trees.

### 6. YOUR IDEAL HUSBAND WOULD BE:

- A). Your partner in crime.
- B). Your best friend
- C). Your saviour.

### 7. AMONG YOUR GIRLFRIENDS YOU ARE THE ONE WHO:

- A). Leads the others.
- B). Creates the excitement
- C). People can lean on.

### 8. IF YOU HAD BEEN BORN A MAN YOU WOULD BE:

- A). A soldier.
- B). A clergyman.
- C). A ship's captain.

### ADD UP YOUR SCORE THEN SEE YOUR RESULTS BELOW:

1: a-0, b-1, c-2/ 2: a-2, b-0, c-1/ 3: a-0, b-2, c-1/ 4: a-2, b-1, c-0/ 5: a-1, b-2, c-0/ 6: a-0, b-2, c-1/ 7: a-0, b-1, c-2/ 8: a-1, b-2, c-0.

### 11 - 16 : REALIST

You are a realist to the core. You can be sentimental with those you really care about, but what you value most is trust, honesty and loyalty. You worry about the practical things and like to have people around you who are your equals. Because of this people depend on you but this can sometimes become overwhelming.

### 6 - 10 : DREAMER

You live your life vicariously through novels, and dream of being whisked off your feet by a handsome stranger. You aren't afraid of danger or excitement as long as there is a man around who can come and save you. People love you because of your fun and excitable nature. Just be careful not to let your head get too far into the clouds or you might fly away forever!

### 0 - 5 : EXPLORER

You are quite the confident young lady! You love an adventure and can very often give the boys a run for their money. You love learning about the world around you and want to explore everything. Sometimes you feel frustrated at the limits of the fairer sex, but try to remember some of the good things about being a woman too, then you will be content.

## O B I T U A R Y

**Mr. Henry Dashwood. (1746-1811)**

We are sad to report the passing of Mr. Henry Dashwood of Norland Park, Sussex, who passed away peacefully at his home last month.

Mr. Dashwood was a cheerful, practical and goodhearted man, who spent many of his later years providing company and distraction

for his uncle, a single man, and caring for his dutiful family who also resided on the estate. His first son, Mr. John Dashwood, inherits the Norland estate along with his wife, Mrs. Fanny Dashwood and their son Henry. The late Mr. Henry Dashwood is also survived by his second wife, and three daughters.

## B I R T H S

**Palmer**

We are pleased to announce that on the 13th day of August of this year, on Bradrigg Street, London, the Lady of Thomas Palmer Esq. has been safely delivered of a son and heir.

 EXPLORER'S  
CORNER

His majesty, King George III has signed the Act of Union this month, bringing together our two great nations of Great Britain and Ireland, to be considered from now on under the title of the 'United Kingdom'. I personally think it is a glorious day in which the two neighbors can from now have a most charming title together. There is even talk of a new flag to symbolize this new nation, and I am sure that we all await such a sight with great and heightening anticipation.

*By Margaret Dashwood, Aged 13.*

## E N G A G E M E N T S

**Willoughby- Grey**

Mr. and Mrs. Ellison announce the engagement of their ward, Miss Sophia Grey, to Mr. John Willoughby of Combe Magna. The wedding shall take place in September.

## M A R R I A G E S

**Ferrars- Steele**

Miss Lucy Steele was lately married to Mr. Ferrars in a lavish ceremony. The bride wore a taffeta and silk dress. Bridesmaid was the bride's sister, Miss Nancy Steele and best man was the younger Mr. Ferrars, brother of the groom.

**Ferrars- Dashwood**

Mr. Edward Ferrars was married to Miss Elinor Dashwood, daughter of the late Mr. Henry Dashwood, at a tasteful ceremony at Barton Church, this October. The bridesmaids were Miss Marianne and Miss Margaret Dashwood, sisters of the bride. Best man was Colonel Brandon, good friend of the groom. The couple will take residence at the parish of Colonel Brandon, on the Delaford Estate, where Mr. Edward Ferrars will soon take orders.

**Brandon- Dashwood**

Friends and family are delighted to announce the marriage of Colonel Brandon to Miss Marianne Dashwood. A pretty wedding with quite the romantic flair in its decoration, saw the bride's sisters as bridesmaids, and Mr. Edward Ferrars as best man. The bride and groom return to Delaford which is to be their family home and are delighted to be neighbored to the bride's sister, Elinor who resides at the Delaford parsonage.

