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The Trust is happy to report the acquisition of *From G & J to Tri-ang - The Lines Family Toy businesses – The First 80 Years* by Peggy Lines. The author retired from her position as Chairman of Hamleys, perhaps the most famous toy shop in the world, in 1976 and spent much of the rest of her life working on this book but sadly never saw it completed. That task fell to her nephew, Anthony Lowth who has now published it in a form as close as possible to that which Peggy Lines would have chosen herself. Anthony is a 4 x gt. grandson of 'Big' John Cobbold (1746-1835) (#56 on the tree). The book has been described as 'An absolute joy for its family content, its wonderful presentation and its rich nostalgic feast.'

SILKEN SNIPPETS

We are pleased to confirm that planning consent has been given for the **Tolly Cobbold Brewery** development which we featured in December 2015. The Trust has asked for a little space in the development but the nature of its space and the terms attached have not yet been discussed.

We would like to remind visitors that there is an abundance of fascinating historical information about Ipswich and its people on the **Ipswich Historic Lettering** website. We provide a direct link.

An **entrepreneurial family member** was asked recently by the BBC for his 3 tips for budding young businessmen. Here they are:

1. Learn what 'good' looks like.
2. Listen to others but retain the courage of your convictions.
3. Regret is much more painful than failure. Learn from your failures.

I'm quite frequently asked if I have found any **black sheep** in the family. The qualification for black sheep status is unclear but I have come across an inveterate womaniser, we'll call him John, who certainly got his comeuppance!

John was travelling to Nice by train when he spotted a good-looking lady. Modest dining car attendant palm greasing secured him a seat with her for dinner and such was the compound effect of good food, fine wine and his charm that he ended up in her couchette.

Unbeknown to John the train split during the night and he ended up in Madrid in only his pyjamas!