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THE IPSWICH SOCIETY

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Ipswich's civic amenity society, established in 1960, flourishes and continues to attract new members at a healthy rate. Readers will remember that it was the Ipswich Society who erected, on the Reg Driver Centre, a Blue Plaque commemorating the gift of Christchurch Mansion to the Borough by Felix Thornley Cobbold (1841-1909).

The Society has known of The Cobbold Family History Trust for some years and recently heard of our 'Friends' appeal. With great generosity the Society decided to become Foundation Benefactors with a donation to the endowment fund of £500.

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"I thank the Ipswich Society for a most generous donation in support of the Friends of The Cobbold Family History Trust campaign. It gives me more pleasure than you can imagine to welcome the Society as a Foundation Benefactor.

Of course, I am pleased with the financial element of your support (as all the campaign costs were met in advance, every penny donated goes directly to the cause), but I am additionally excited by two other factors.

I judge that many members of my family who have gone before us, and who loved Ipswich, would be delighted to know that their contribution to the Borough continues to be recognised, recorded and appreciated.

Also, as a relatively recent newcomer to Ipswich, and sadly only a part-timer, I interpret the Society's support as something of an endorsement for what I am seeking to achieve, and I must add that there is no quarter from which I would rather it came.



The Cobbold who is really at the heart of the family is John Cobbold (1746-1835) who we now refer to as 'Big' John Cobbold. He is the one who married twice and had 22 children!… [Here is] a silhouette image of him with his great-grandchild (1834) which I feel says 'family' in a rather charming and simple way."
Anthony Cobbold
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We reproduce below a page from the April issue of The Ipswich Society Newsletter (a most excellent publication, we highly recommend) which features the Trust's letter of thanks with a classic Georgian illustration which is becoming increasingly familiar.

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