

The Small World of PGW connections

As everyone will now know, Lord Willetts has kindly consented to become the Trust's President. Here is part of his maiden speech given to the House of Lords on 28 January 2016 (ref. <http://bit.ly/1XNwITD>) and quoted in the No. 78 edition of Wooster Sauce:

My Lords, it is an enormous honour for me to be speaking for the first time in your Lordship's House. Inevitably, as I stand here to give my maiden speech, I think back to a maiden speech I gave in another place, 24 years ago, after I was first elected to represent the constituency of Havant. I have tried to reflect my debt to it in taking it as part of my title. The borough of Havant includes the town of Emsworth, where PG Wodehouse lived for a time and after which he named one of his most famous characters – though I resisted the temptation to take the title Lord Emsworth.

Also in this issue of 'Wooster Sauce', the following extract linked up to the Museum's recent Exhibition commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme:

Percy Jeeves was a brilliant cricketer who played for Goole Town Cricket Club and the Warwickshire County side. Plum saw him play for Warwickshire against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham in 1913 and was so struck by the cricketer's immaculate attire and style that he stored the name up for future use. Sadly in WW1 on becoming Private 611 P Jeeves of the 15th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment, he was one of the many who died at High Wood in the Battle of the Somme without trace on 22 July 1916. He was 28 years old. He has two memorials, one at Thiépval in France and a blue plaque in Goole reading 'Killed on the Somme. Inspiration for P. G. Wodehouse's Jeeves.'