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IPSWICH NEW TOWN HALL POLKA AND MRS J PATTESON COBBOLD



The Trust has been fortunate to receive a mint copy of the Ipswich New Town Hall Polka composed and dedicated by permission to Mrs J Patteson Cobbold (Mayoress), by William Godball.

Mrs Cobbold was born Adela Harriette Dupuis in 1837, the daughter of the Rev George John Dupuis, Vice Provost and Fellow of Eton College. She married John Patteson Cobbold (1831-1875) at Eton in 1858.

The Trust has recently been given some delightful watercolour sketches of their wedding but they are too delicate to examine. They will probably be the subject of another feature after they have been stabilized.

John Patteson Cobbold was Mayor of Ipswich 1867/8 and the new Town Hall was opened in 1868.

Interestingly, William Godball also composed a Shrubland Polka and some Holy Well's Waltzes.

Mrs Cobbold threw herself vigorously into work for those less fortunate than herself and none more so than in 1872 when she worked tirelessly against a most virulent small-pox outbreak in the Long Lane district of Ipswich. She is commemorated in St Clement's Church.

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