

# Corsham Spotlight

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## **St Bartholomew's Church Spire Appeal**

Most of us will have already heard about the campaign to raise funds to renovate the tower and steeple of our historic parish church. The Civic Society is giving its full support to applications for funding from Heritage and Lottery sources but, even if all of these are successful, there will still be a substantial balance of many thousands of pounds which will have to be raised locally.

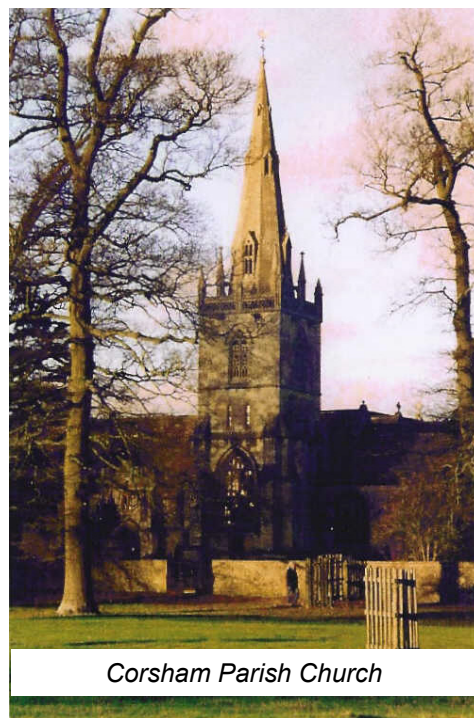
St Bart's PCC has come up with an excellent scheme which challenges participants to increase an 'investment' of £2 by using their talents (for example, baking cakes, organising coffee mornings, propagating plants, cleaning cars, brewing wine, running errands – in fact anything legal except gambling!). Other activities will include publishing a book of Favourite Poems (which I will be editing) and, no doubt, many other forms of sponsorship will be forthcoming. The proceeds from all of these will help us to preserve and improve our Grade 1 listed church for posterity and ensure that our descendants will enjoy the same magnificent views as well as the unparalleled tranquillity and community-enhancing qualities of a building that provides a focal point for art and photographic exhibitions, concerts, flower displays, civic events – and, of course, baptisms, weddings and funerals. Whether we attend St. Bart's regularly, occasionally, or not at all - or are affiliated to other faiths or churches - there is no denying that the church tower and its peal of bells are defining features of our town and, therefore, very worthy of or support.

Of course, our contributions need not be linked to any of the above schemes – we can simply write a cheque or give cash via the church boxes or collection plate. Remember that the taxman will also add to our donations if we fill in a simple form on one of the envelopes found on the church pews. Finally, it is worth mentioning

  
*Merry Christmas*  
*From the Chairman and*  
*Executive Committee*

that the building works will also improve amenities *within* the church by creating a toilet, and facilities for making coffee and tea. Perhaps members of the Civic Society could invent an appropriate scheme to finance such worthy objectives and make a combined contribution to the **SPIRE** Appeal?

*Wyndham Thomas (Chairman)*



*Corsham Parish Church*



## Editorial

When we think of small towns and villages, more often than not we first consider the historical background, and the architecture, and then look around for any celebrities who might have graced the locality, and as we might expect in any location in Britain, there are usually hints of an historical figure or two, and the names of many who did good works for the local populace.

What do we have to boast of in an historical sense in our town? Well, quite a few historical figures have touched Corsham. It is recorded that to the south of Corsham Court, a hall – a medieval Manor or Royal lodge once stood. Ethelred the Unready lived there for differing periods of time, and it was there that he fell ill, and three months later removed to London where he died in the spring of 1016. William of Malmesbury called it “Ethelred’s Palace”. Edward 111 was the last monarch in residence. Henry III gave the Manor of Corsham to Richard Earl of Cornwall who granted Corsham to the ‘customary tenants of the manor’ in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Subsequent kings and queens endorsed this agreement; the Manor House itself was held by each successive Queen until Elizabeth 1 decided to sell it (*perhaps she had to raise funds for the Navy!*). Such well known names as Sir Christopher Hatton - Lord Chancellor; Thomas ‘Customer’ Smythe; and during the Civil War – the Hungerford family held the property. Then later, in 1770, the lordship of the Manor was granted to Lord Methuen. So many famous names have touched the town - Capability Brown and Humphrey Repton provided us with the

exceptional Park, architects Adam and Nash directed additions to the Manor House. Lady Margaret Hungerford endowed that remarkable building the Masters House and Almshouses, and in doing so ensured her name went down in local history. We can also drop in the name - Brunel, he cut quite a swathe through the town!

As for celebrities as we understand the term today; Felix Aylmer, the actor was born here, Sir Michael Tippett, famous composer lived here, and we have celebrities of the present day music industry living among us.

But there are many people who have made an important contribution to the town – but did not necessarily receive celebrity status. People who made their homes here, conducted business, and concerned themselves with the community, making many unseen contributions to the life of the town. The Society is currently working to tease out some of the most recent life stories from local people who knew them; and to do some more in-depth research to bring you the stories of those such as Charles Mayo, the Clutterbuck and the Pictor families. There are so many people who came here and made their mark on the area in the last 200 years that we should have lots of interesting stories to tell.

So for this issue we are highlighting the Spackman family. Members will have already heard more about them from our Open Meeting of October, see next page

Ed

## Transport of Goods by Rail

Heard recently on the radio – that Eddie Stobart’s Haulage Firm had recently negotiated a contract with a Scottish company to transport their heavy goods to Scotland by rail. What a novel idea – railways relieving the heavy burden of some HGV’s !!!

We congratulate Mr Stobart. Let us hope that other companies may also recognise the advantage of movement by rail.

### **CORSHAM CIVIC SOCIETY – NEW REGISTERED ADDRESS.**

Please note we have changed our registered address. It is as follows:-

Corsham Civic Society, Arnold House, 31 High Street, CORSHAM, Wiltshire SN13 0EZ



## Review

Our July meeting had suffered from several changes, but we were extremely fortunate to obtain the services of Ms Tessa Cozens, the Wiltshire Community Librarian. Her title "Between the Covers - Books, Reading and Libraries" a subject which gave us a most interesting evening, interspersed as it was with readings from several of her favourite books. Tessa also gave us an insight into the future of the library service, and how it was adapting to today's many technological advances, and giving people the opportunity to look elsewhere other than a book for their information. Nevertheless, it seems that libraries do have a continuing role to play in the community, and for that we are very thankful.

August found some of our members visiting the Bath Museum. This had been arranged following a talk given by the Curator, Stuart Burroughes in April last. The Museum contains a unique collection of artifacts, bought 'lock stock and bottle' by the Museum, from the premises of JB Bowler's manufacturing emporium. . Mr Bowler provided many services to the city, he had an ironmonger's shop, a carpentry facility, he produced and bottled lemonade, and ran a slaughterhouse, all on one site! We are very grateful to Stuart who gave his time to ensure we had a thoroughly enjoyable visit.

Mid August is BBQ time. Thankfully the weather was kind to us, and Eric did his usual excellent chef's job! There are only so many ways you can present sausages and burgers!! Thanks to the generosity of Mr & Mrs Hall, Principals of Heywood School, we were able to use the garden at the rear of Heywood House again; ensuring that everyone spent a few stress free hours in friendly company and quiet surroundings (well – relatively quiet!).

The open meeting at the end of September brought us a talk about the history of the

'Wiltshire Times'

given by the Editor, Andy Sanbidge, who gave us a very interesting overview of the life of a newspaper, and the pitfalls that can surround such a job!! With Andy's agreement, we shall be presenting some extracts from the very first Wiltshire Times (May 1854) next year. What a difference 150 + years makes!

October's meeting, which was very well attended, took the form of a musical evening with a look at Domestic Music of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and how it impacted on the extremely talented Corsham Spackman family. Directed by Wyndham and Kathy Thomas, we listened to recordings of singing voices of the day, and heard excerpts from the Herbert Spackman diary. Wyndham & Kathy, further showed their talents for playing violin and piano, and for singing! Nevertheless they did not let us get away with just listening, and insisted on a group rendition at the end of the evening. The general consensus was "Encore please."



### OUR NEW YEAR DINNER FOR MEMBERS

To be held at the Flemish Weaver on 10<sup>th</sup> January, commencing at 7.30 p.m. If you haven't already done so, please notify your intention to attend to our organiser - Eileen Soanes. Eileen can be reached on 01249 712631.



## Waste Matters

Nothing to report at a local level this time, but judging from the media interest in the subject, we should all be well aware of our need to be vigilant in the way we dispose of our waste. You may have seen the item on TV where some families from Bath are attempting to spend a week without throwing any waste in the dustbin at all. The outcome will be known before you receive this copy, but after going to print. No doubt there will be some good ideas highlighted that we might take up.

Why don't we just refuse to accept plastic carrier bags in future? What happened to the heavy-duty paper carrier bag - or the use of baskets? **Ed**

## The Spackman Family and their Music Making

A family locally famous for their grocery and drapery emporium in the centre of the High Street (opposite the Tourist Information Centre), - but most of all – for their musical accomplishments and sporting talents. Examples of their versatility are shown below in the form of a family tree.

Henry Spackman 1824-1914

Married

Sarah nee Goold d. 1852

and Eliza nee Hawkins 1829-1899

Henry(Harry)1850-1941 <i>Organist</i> <i>Violinist</i> <i>Conductor</i>	Sarah1852-1883 <i>Soprano</i>	Lewin 1858-1944 <i>Organist</i> <i>Composer</i> <i>Conductor</i> <i>Cricketer</i>	Alice 1860-1909 <i>Invalid</i>	Herbert 1864-1949 <i>Violinist</i> <i>Conductor/Baritone</i> <i>Photographer</i> <i>Ran Grocery store</i> <i>Newspaper Reporter</i>
		Wilfred 1866-1956 <i>Tenor/Baritone</i> <i>Bellringer</i>		Clara 1867-1933 <i>Pianist/Soprano</i>
		Ernest 1869-1946 <i>Bass</i>		Clare 1870-1940 <i>Organist/Conductor</i> <i>Tenor</i> <i>Cricketer (Bowled out no less than W G Grace at the local cricket club)</i>

Undoubtedly a family who must have enhanced the lives of many in Corsham and the surrounding district by 'bringing music to the local masses' one only has to read the Corsham Boyhood Diaries, (by Herbert Spackman) to discover what an impact they made on the local scene. They knew so many of the people who had a great influence on the town, Charles Mayo, the Clutterbucks, the Methuens, the Goolds, Richard Balch, the Pictors, (many of whom we hope to be presenting to you in profile within these pages sometime in the future). Ed.

### Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2007 are now due. Please contact a Committee member



## Peep at the Past

*Since our recent October Open Meeting so ably gave tribute to the Spackman Family and their music, it seemed opportune to use an item that Joe James had given me some time ago, which portrayed some interesting facts on the next generation of the family, in the form of the life of Heather Spackman and her husband. This seemed to be the perfect time to publish. Ed*

### “HEATHER & ROBIN”

Heather Spackman was born at ‘Rose Cottage’ Priory Street, in July 1903, the second daughter of one of the five Spackman brothers, Herbert, the photographer. At Chippenham Grammar School she met Robin Tanner and the family looked askance at his ever-increasing visits. It is notable that the diaries address him simply as “Tanner”.

Heather attained a First in English at London University and Robin studied Art at Goldsmith’s College.

They were married in 1931 and Heather spent most of the honeymoon scrubbing the floors of their new, strictly Cotswold House.

Heather taught English and became a lecturer at Bath Academy of Art at Corsham Court, and Dartington Hall. Robin, a school inspector, was recognised as a leading etcher. A unique partnership, they were well prepared for their destiny.

Their first book “A Wiltshire Village” has become a classic. With Heather’s prose and Robin’s illustrations it portrays a fictional village called ‘Kington Borel’, except that quite a lot of it is recognisable as Corsham.

They surrounded their house at Kington Langley with an exuberant wild garden, the seeds donated to Robin in return for his illustrations to a ‘growers’ catalogue.

With their combined botanical expertise, the Tanners planned their ultimate chronicle “Woodland Plants”. Much of the material was lost, but after 17 years it was suddenly found – in a neat little parcel, under their bed!!

Heather attended many of the early meetings of the Civic Society, and several of the ‘Tours of Corsham’ given the opportunity she delighted in recalling her childhood days in the ‘family shop’. (Now 42 High St).

Heather and Robin were Quakers and active supporters of the CND movement and the Greenham Common protesters. They also helped to found the Craft Centre at Bath’s Holbourne Museum.

In 1939 they finally penetrated a labyrinth of red tape to adopt an 18 year old Jewish Refugee, Deitrich Hanff. He arrived in England on the very day he was scheduled to enter the Dachau concentration camp. He became a teacher and lived at ‘Old Chapel Field’ for the rest of his life.

Heather passed away on 13th June 1993, five years after the death of Robin.

“With an indomitable spirit in a frail body, Heather Tanner was a person whom, having once met her, one would never forget” (Michael Lansdown).

Sources :- “ Corsham Boyhood” .The Diaries of Herbert Spackman”.

“Wiltshire Village”, “Country book of Days”, “A Country Alphabet”, “Woodland Plants” – Impact Books.

“Double Harness” Autobiography of Robin Tanner – Impact Books.

Joe James





## HODs 2006 'Corsham Enjoys its Heritage'

The Society's Organising Team declared itself quietly-pleased with the response it had generated to the town's participation in the annual celebration of England's cultural and architectural heritage, Heritage Open Days, held over the extended weekend, 7th to 10th September. The weather was glorious and locals and visitors alike turned out in good numbers for most of the events on the programme. Total attendance was up on previous years.

Visitor Records were kept. These reveal that people from as far away as Australia, Canada, the USA, Northumberland, Lancashire, Warwickshire, Somerset, Avon and various parts of Wiltshire dropped in on Corsham to join in the fun.

The two talks given in St Bartholomew's Church were exceptional. Both Celia James and Ron Smith had researched their subjects really well and their delivery was excellent.

As expected, the tours of Rudloe Stoneworks proved highly popular. The company entered fully into the spirit of the event, providing refreshments and even sponsorship of a raffle to all those who took part.

Martin Yallop's guided tours of Corsham Town Centre were guaranteed winners, and so they proved to be.

The Sunday was an extremely busy day in Corsham. Not only were there the final items on the HODs 2006 Programme to be squeezed in, but there was a sponsored walk in aid of those suffering from Alzheimer's disease taking place in Corsham Park, and there was a concert by the Corsham Town Band in the grounds of the Court. All this, and the normal influx of visitors seeking Sunday Lunch at one of our pub restaurants. The place was really buzzing.

My abiding memories of Corsham's participation in HODs 2006 will be, firstly, having all those memories of the times of Nebuchadnezzar, Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego, as told in the Book of Daniel, rekindled by Celia James when she described and brought to life the only window at St Bart's devoted to the contents of the Old Testament – and, secondly, the look on a certain gentleman's face when he was presented with the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Friday raffle at Rudloe Stoneworks. It was a full-size stone replica of a chicken, and he'd walked to the factory!

We thank all those who contributed to the mini-festival most sincerely. We plan to repeat the process next year, and already have some new 'attractions' in mind.

*Peter Tapscott, HODs 2006 Co-ordinator*

### ***Rudloe Stoneworks previews its latest products***



### ***George gets to grips with Heywood School's Treasure Hunt***



## TIC Operation under the CADT

We finally stand on the threshold of a new beginning for our cherished and highly valued CTI&HC. At the time of writing, and after much work and one notable last-minute hurdle, operational responsibility for the running of the facility located in Arnold House is scheduled to transfer to the Corsham Area Development Trust (CADT) with effect from 22nd October 2006.

The 3-week period leading up to this date proved to be a particularly bust and nerve-racking one. Although there was still every opportunity for things to go wrong between the three parties involved (Corsham Town Council, NWDC and the CADT); the Trust had to hope for the best. There were many arrangements to be put in hand. Contracts between the CADT and various suppliers had to be concluded – for everything from water to the credit card reader to National Express. Amongst other things, the annual participation in (Christmas) Cards for Good Causes had to be defined and agreed. Despite not having the comfort of a finalised contract to run the CTI&HC, the CADT decided to press ahead at its own risk and on Monday 2nd October it took delivery of the biggest

consignment of CFGC cards that the TIC has ever committed to!

Having said that, they do look wonderful. And for every £1 taken in sales, 81p goes to the charity concerned. Come on Corsham – and district – show that you know what Christmas is all about. The cards are excellent value, and they are displayed in truly traditional surroundings.

The need now is to tap into that rich vein of volunteering that the 'Save Corsham's Heritage Centre' campaign promised when it was conducted back in the spring. It is extremely heartening to report that every one of the previous four Casuals (ad hoc employees who are paid an hourly rate for the hours that they work) and every one of the previous eight Volunteers have confirmed that they wish to continue providing their services under the new organisational regime. However, more Volunteers are needed. Indeed, the long-term financial viability of the enterprise is dependent upon this source of staffing.

Volunteering in this environment is tremendously satisfying. The support of an employed supervisor is on hand at all times. 'Lone working' is strictly not allowed. Training will be provided wherever it is required. Hours are flexible to meet the availability of the individual Volunteer. If you have some spare time, and would like to help, please call into the CTI&HC for more details.

So things are now finally down to us, the people of Corsham, to make a success of this valuable asset. Let's show them what we can do.

*Peter Tapscott*



## Our Notice Board Returns

We are pleased to advise you that you will once again be able to find out details of all our future meetings/activities displayed in our newly located notice board affixed to the side of 'The Chapel Etc' building, and easily accessible via the pathway leading from Somerfield's supermarket into Pickwick Rd.

We are grateful to Peter Tapscott and Geoff Knapp who respectively arranged the Planning Application and the refurbishment of the board so that we can keep you fully informed of what is going on. Ed.



## The Mayo Memorial Restoration Project

### 'Mayo Restoration Gathers Pace'

Work on this Heritage Lottery Funded project got off to a slow start but is now beginning to accelerate. Perhaps unexpectedly, it was the 'Structural Restoration' aspect of the Project that was the most difficult to kick-start. Getting quotations out of suitable specialists proved to be particularly difficult in the summer months. Apparently they were all either on holiday or already stretched with existing work!

Appropriate pressure has now been applied and, belatedly, progress became evident late September/early October. At first it looked as if we might be able to afford all the work in this category that we had intended. However, this was the signal for Corsham Town Council to confirm its willingness to add to the sum included in the Grant awarded by the HLF. We now have that commitment in writing and a meaningful meeting with NWDC's Conservation Officer is being arranged. A list of affordable and acceptable options will then be drawn up and the corresponding Planning Application submitted. We would hope to be placing orders before the year is out.

Work on the 'Building Community Awareness' aspect has encountered its own delays, but these have not been so widespread or severe. Where

they have occurred it has been because of unfortunate timing – we had to wait until the schools were back from their summer holidays before we were able to engage with staff to explain our purpose and, hopefully, secure their involvement. Wyndham and Kathy Thomas have taken charge of this sector. They ensured that a letter inviting five local schools to participate was awaiting the returning head teachers.

Meanwhile Pat Whalley has been doing a sterling job furthering our knowledge of the Mayo family and assembling the information in one readily accessible location. Several other sub-projects will need this data when they get properly underway.

Additionally Peter Kallmeier of WCC's Youth Development Service has undertaken to organise and supervise the production of a video record of the Project by young people who participate in youth-orientated activities based at Corsham's Mansion House. Peter expects to press the 'go button' in early November.

Things are moving.

*Peter Tapscott. Project Manager*

## An Invitation for Christmas

The Society has been delighted to accept a most generous invitation for members to attend a pre- Christmas gathering for mulled wine and carol singing to be held at **Great Lypiatt Farm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m.** Simon Truelove, who has quite recently moved to the Farm with his family, having heard of an old tradition of such a gathering taking place when Geoff Knapp (our Plans Chairman) and his wife lived there, he was pleased to revive it.

Our regular readers will remember seeing the story of Geoff's life on the farm in our March and July 2005 editions of Spotlight.

An event not to be missed - be sure to add the date to your diary.





## FATAL RAILWAY ACIDENT AT CORSHAM. Thursday , 20 October 1881

*(Taken from newspaper cutting supplied by Herbert Spackman, which we hold in our archive)*

### "A STOKER KILLED"

A dreadful accident occurred on the Great Western Railway near the Corsham Station this morning. As the passenger train which leaves Bristol at eleven o'clock, and is timed to arrive at Corsham at 11.55, drew near to the station the driver and fireman noticed the brake rod to be out of order. The latter, leaning far out and bending so as to look in under the engine to see what was wrong, did not notice that the train was approaching the aqueduct which crosses the railway about 200 yards from the station. In consequence his head came in contact with great force with the buttress, and he was thrown on to the line. The driver did not notice his absence until the train had nearly reached the station. Some packers who were at work close by observed, after the train had passed the aqueduct a man on the line, and upon going to him found it was the fireman, and quite dead, death being from the nature of the blow quite instantaneous. His name was, we believe, James Humphries, and he was an inhabitant of Bristol, but a native of Saltford, where his friend resides. He was a very steady young man, about 26, and was an experienced fireman.

## CORSHAM – THE GALE. 22 October 1881

*(A Herbert Spackman newspaper report.)*

A considerable amount of damage was done in this neighbourhood by the violent gale which prevailed on Friday last. The fine elms in the avenue of Corsham Park suffered severely, several being entirely uprooted, while others were despoiled of their branches. The wood gatherers reaped a rich harvest. At the tanyard (bottom *Pound Pill*) great damage was caused by the destruction of the drying shed, the roof being entirely taken off, and its freestone support rendered unsound. The shed was about 50 feet in length, and the loss is estimated at considerably over £100. The British Schoolroom also sustained injuries. An accident occurred to a shepherd named Enos Brown, in the employ of Mr Francis, a horse and a load of wood, by the side of which he was walking, being overturned by the wind. His escape was miraculous, his injuries being not of a severe nature."



### POCKET IMAGES OF CORSHAM

Have you purchased your copy yet?

To remind you: this is a re-print of the book of photographs of Corsham that the Society had published in 1997. On sale at Corsham Bookshop in the High St. priced £5.99. It would make a particularly nice Christmas gift.



## FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD!

**With Christmas celebrations on the horizon, we thought you might like to consider the preparation and the eating of this menu!**

Extract from The Bath Herald & NW Guardian newspaper which recorded the events that were held to celebrate Queen Victoria's Jubilee (1837-1887) celebrations in the local area, and in particular in Corsham.

After a church "service a procession was formed at the Town Hall , and proceeded to the cricket field , where the dinner was laid in a large marquee (220ft long and 40 wide).

There were 72 joints of meat, 42 of beef, 5 hams, 8 veal, 8 quarters of lamb, 9 mutton, everything in all 1,319 lbs.; 123 plum puddings were provided weighing 500lbs.

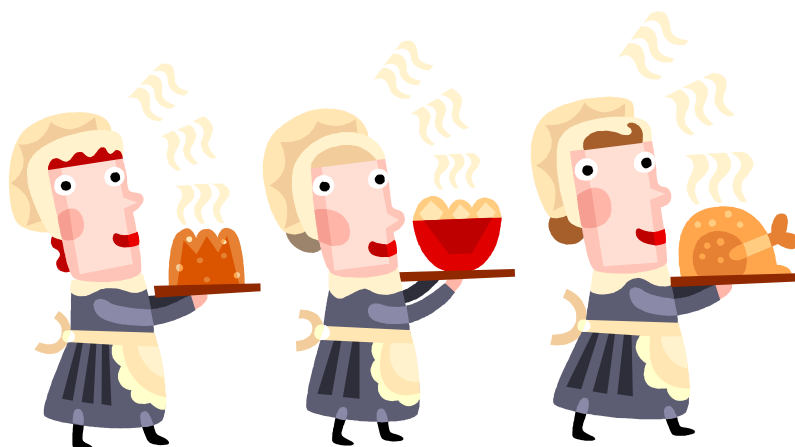
The following gentlemen acted on the 'dinner committee':- Messrs Cannon, T White, WH Bezan, S Aust, R Balch, , J Ayliffe, and Dr Crisp, while the Rev G Linton and Messrs CT Mayo & WH Bromley were useful members of the 'general committee'.

Mr Bezan supplied the meat, Messrs Dinham and Flint the puddings, and Lord Methuen kindly gave a variety of salads. Beer etc was sent by Messrs Kingsford (Lacock), Stevens (Pickwick), Little and Dawkins (Slaughterford), Cannon (Shaw) and Wadsworth (Devizes). Messrs WH Bromley and Wakely superintended the fitting up and covering of the tables respectively, the sum of £175 was collected, including that subscribed to the childrens tea. Nearly 1,400 partook of dinner, at which Mr DH Clutterbuck presided, and in appropriate terms proposed the toast of the day, the health of the Queen, which was responded to with cheers and the National Anthem was sung."

In the afternoon sports took place.....

*What a fine sight this must have been -*

*But there is something missing from this item – there is no accolade for those who did the cooking! I wonder where was it done – and who cleared everything away ?? Ed.*



## Photographs and Archives

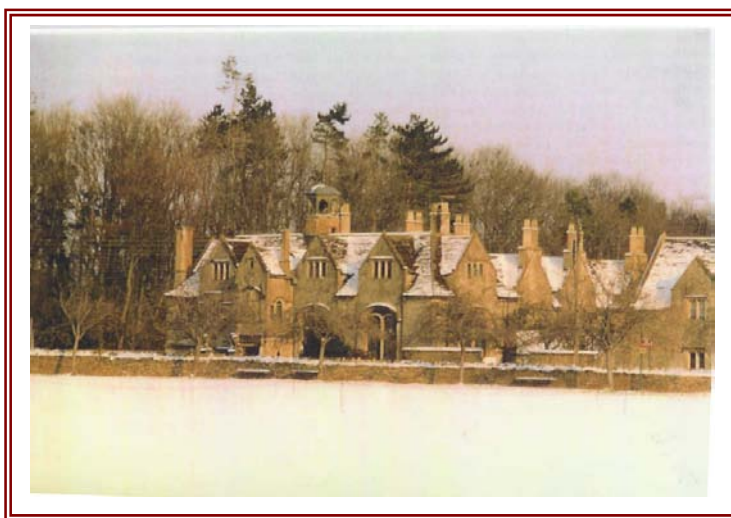
Our archive material is growing in leaps and bounds, and it is time some serious thought was given to a permanent home for these items, some of which are currently spread between member's homes for safe keeping. If anyone knows of any suitable, secure and frost free accommodation available in the town we would be very pleased to hear of it.

We should thank our President, Anne Greenly, for donating to us archive material relating to her previous home, Rowan House, 46 High Street. It covers conveyance, land search etc from 1927-1981.

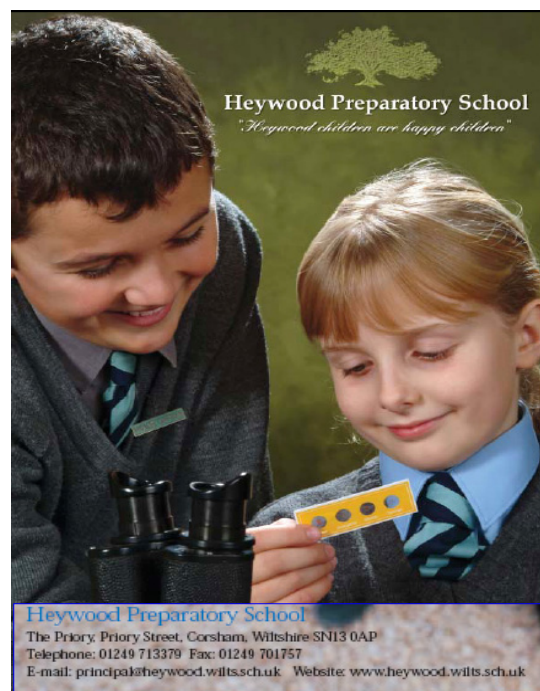
Another interesting piece of historical information lately come to hand, is a list of place names and field names of the area from 1569. Some deciphering is necessary to identify some of the spellings, but we will give you some examples in later editions. Thank you to Mervyn Tyte – one of our 'sleeping' members!! **Ed.**



*All ready for Christmas...*



*Alms Houses in the Snow*



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See us at:

[www.Corsham-Civic-Society.co.uk](http://www.Corsham-Civic-Society.co.uk)

## PROGRAMME FOR 2007

*Please note – not quite all the events/venues have been confirmed, so please watch the notice board for further information.*

26 Jan	A Celebration of New Year- a Social Gathering at The Jubilee Hall, Corsham Community Centre.
23 Feb	"The Civic Trust 50 years On", with Michael Burton (former Head of The School of Architecture, Bristol University)
23 March	"A Wiltshire Valley" with Rex Sawyer.
27 April	"The Coaching Era" with Roy Gallup & Ken Griffiths.
18 May	AGM (7pm for 7.15pm) followed by "Radstock Museum" with Denis Chedgy, Museum Director
June	Our annual 'Evening walk around Corsham'. (Date & Route to be confirmed).
22 June	"Wiltshire Toll Houses" with Ivor Slocombe. Venue to be confirmed
27 July	Venue to be confirmed.
August	BBQ & Outing. Dates & venues to be advised
September	HODS. (Heritage Open Days)
28 Sept	"Hatches Matches & Dispatches" with Gill Bowden. Venue to be confirmed.
26 October	Presentation on the 'Mayo'Project' – followed by a Round Table Discussion of 'Corsham Memories'. With members of the Civic Society. Venue to be confirmed
23 November	Life & Strife in Tudor Bath' with Dr John Wroughton. Venue to be confirmed.
December	No meeting.
January 2008	Celebration of the New Year – a Social Gathering. Venue to be advised.

All meetings to be held at 8pm.

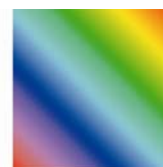
**Meetings February to May inclusive will be held at St Aldhelms Church Hall, Pickwick Rd.**

**Other venues are subject to change. Please watch the notice board.**

Guests are welcome. Members - £1, Non members - £2

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### Corsham Civic Society

*Corsham Civic Society was founded in 1963 to represent the people of Corsham in all aspects of conservation, preservation and the promotion of this delightful Wiltshire town.*

*The Society is a registered Charity, a member of the Civic Trust and ASHTAV (Association of Small Historic Towns & Villages of the UK).*

*It is our aim to promote high standards of planning and architecture, to create a wider awareness amongst the local population of environmental issues, the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area, and to secure the preservation, protection and improvement of features of public amenity and/or historical interest, both in Corsham and in the surrounding countryside.*

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