



Friends of Somerset Archives

Snippets - No. 20

Dear All,

Since the last Snippets I seem to have spent hardly any time on my family history research - but have been able to organise a get-together of my Peach relatives (originally from Dorset) as a cousin was over for a month from Australia. At this reunion I met another relative who has loaned me a visitors' book kept by his Aunt. On looking through the book I found an entry for 1954 which said that my Grandpa had brought 3 of his grandchildren for a visit - which had to include me. I was even able to tell my mother what she was doing on March 10th 1934 - she didn't remember!! However, the most moving thing was regarding our mutual relative, Rosanna Peach, who had emigrated from Uplyme to Australia back in 1863 - leaving from Southampton on the Caduceus and landing at Melbourne. She married in Australia, making out that she was the daughter of a farmer, rather than an ag.lab. On the wedding certificate passed down to the family she had scratched out her age and put "16" and said that she had come from "Shapwick". I had arranged to take the Australian cousins to visit the area around Uplyme where the Aunt who kept the visitors book had lived. As we drove down a very narrow lane towards the Uplyme viaduct, we suddenly came across a signpost that said "Shapwick - $\frac{1}{2}$ mile". My cousin had spent a month travelling around England and Ireland and admitted that this was the first time he had felt emotional over his visit.

We found a house and a farm and the area was so desolate we felt sure that nothing much had changed over the past 150 years. One of those never to be forgotten moments that we occasionally get when researching our families.

Anyway, back now to Somerset.

Liz

Chairman's Report - Malcolm Daniels

I am encouraged by the way that the Friends of Somerset Archives has progressed since taking over after the bleak-looking situation which was reported in Snippets late last year.

Fresh ideas, some of which have already been implemented and some of which are still in progress, have resulted in a general enlivening of enthusiasm within the membership and this has been demonstrated already by the increase in numbers attending events. We are to become an Organisation affiliated to The Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society and we are looking to strengthen our ties with other organisations.

There is much to do. Your committee is working on publicity material which will be distributed to the libraries of Somerset and hopefully later to B.A.N.E.S and North Somerset Libraries and to other appropriate organisations. Our aim is to raise money for the archives of Somerset and this needs an increase of membership to as high a level as possible.

The Tithe project is going well, but again, an increase in the number of members involved would be appreciated and so, if anyone would like to volunteer for this work, which can be done at home, please let Jenni Llewellyn, who is now administering that project know by email at jennillewellyn1@mac.com

The web site is in the middle of an extensive update, but as I am doing that, it has had to take a slightly back seat to other, initially more important, jobs that I have had to do.

Your Friends Committee has decided to donate two new fiche readers to the Somerset Heritage Centre. The new Centre has been a large improvement on the old Record Office, but in trying to utilise as many of the old fiche readers that came from both the Record Office and the Local Studies Library as possible, some fairly old and poor readers have been used in the new search room. Our two new readers are on order and will hopefully be installed soon.

As one of our most important aims is to raise money for Archive Services and as the membership fees have been constant since the beginning in 2004, your committee have been discussing an increase in membership fee. The proposal at the moment is to bring our fees in line with Friends of Somerset Museum and therefore a single membership would be £8 per annum, £16 for Family membership. Group and Associate Organisation Membership would be the same as Family membership. It is only a proposal at the moment, but the matter will be raised at the AGM which will be held at Wells Museum on 3rd September - please make a note in your Diaries.

Report of the talk on 25th May by Bob Croft on "Recent Work on Roman Somerset".

Bob, the County Archaeologist for Somerset, gave us a fascinating and illuminating talk on Roman finds in Somerset and his work in relation to them, particularly work related to sites under development for building and work connected with the Portable Antiquities Scheme.

He described in detail with excellent slide illustrations some of the rich collection of some 140-150 mosaics that exist in Somerset. These were from substantial villas built mainly in the 3rd and 4th centuries AD. Unfortunately none can normally be seen in situ, having been covered up after recording, but there is an excellent example in the newly refurbished County Museum in Taunton which is reopening shortly. This is the mosaic from Low Ham, lifted from its site in 1945, which depicts the story of Dido and Aeneas and which previously hung on the museum wall but has now been moved to the floor.

His talk included both recent and historical references to mosaic discoveries such as the villa mosaic at Whatley with the goddess Fortuna and strange fish - gods and goddesses featured frequently on mosaics. In 2001 a local developer was putting in a driveway at Lopen and he discovered a mosaic. A section of the mosaic, including the famous dolphin, was temporarily uncovered and shown in the recent television programme on BBC4 about interesting places near the A303.

He described the Time Team's finds at Dinnington which in two excavations in 2002 and 2005 revealed several mosaics in a large villa. Students from Winchester University were also involved in this research project. The mosaic pieces were like a giant jigsaw puzzle to be put together. They revealed a

double winged Cupid, Daphne changing into a laurel bush, Apollo and his lyre, illustrating the legend of Daphne and Apollo. He explained how different coloured tesserae were used for depicting different things such as pink for skin. Excavation projects such as Dinnington usually arranged for open days to allow the public to see the mosaics before being re-covered.



Another site at Yarford on the Quantocks revealed a substantial Roman building with a mosaic built on top of an Iron Age settlement.

Bob has written a book available at the Heritage centre on "Roman Mosaics in Somerset" The booklet is illustrated with a range of images from local mosaics including the famous hunting scene from East Coker which depicts men carrying a deer, the men's eyes being depicted in Mediterranean style.

He then moved on to other Roman finds and mentioned the Portable Antiquities Scheme which has led to an increase in archaeological finds being reported. Recent finds included the Frome Hoard found near Frome last year by a metal detectorist who correctly stopped excavating and notified the county immediately. He showed us pictures of the pot in situ with its lid removed and the pot cracked by the weight of the corroding coins and ploughing above. One could see the remains of packing which had been put round the pot. The weight of the 52,503 coins was 160 kilos and these have been painstakingly sorted by the British museum. They would have been the equivalent of about a year's salary for a legionary. They were mostly bronze/copper alloy with a few silver. It isn't known why they were buried there about at the end of the third century AD.

Other excavations mentioned were the Time team excavation at High Ham, the community archaeology project in the "Oppidum field" at Ilchester where geophysics and excavations revealed banks and ditches and some form of defensive enclosure. Other examples of development led archaeology included images of the recent work at Cambria Farm Taunton, and the ongoing excavations at Lyde Road near Yeovil where evidence of pits, ditches, field systems and iron age houses, a stone lined well, pots, kilns and ovens, bronze work, brooches and beads and prehistoric axes have been found. He went on to describe archaeological investigation work at Ham Hill, the geophysical surveys at Hinkley point, and Time team's work on Croft castle near Crewkerne.

In addition to this extremely comprehensive, enjoyable and interesting

talk, we had a bonus at the beginning when we were shown a beautiful ten minute film on the Somerset levels describing their history from prehistoric times to the present day. It included a lot of information in a short film. This should be available soon to see on the Heritage Centre website. The film also gave an introduction to some of the opportunities linked with the emerging Avalon Marshes Landscape Partnership.

KILL OR CURE? From Sue Berry

Among the papers of the Sanford family of Nynehead near Wellington which are now in the Heritage Centre are some mid to late 17th century manuscript recipe books. These contain some fascinating recipes, both culinary and medicinal, and I thought it might be of interest to members of the Friends to publish one of each in this and subsequent editions of Snippets. The punctuation has been modernised for ease of reading although I have kept the original spelling.

If anyone tries this edition's recipe for lemon cream, please let the editor know how it turns out but don't, whatever you do, try the "snayle water". I think that might be described as too much of an alternative medicine although I suppose it might be a good way of getting rid of some of the little pests that are ravaging my mint patch.

To make a lemon cream

Take 6 lemons & wringe out the juice, then take the whites of 12 egges with half a pint of faire water. When it is well beaten, put in

the juice of lemons & some of the rine & one pound of double refind sugar, lett it stand 2 or 3 houres, then straine it & sett upon a soft fire, keeping it stird till it come to a jelly. You may put in a spoonful of orange flower water, but take out the peel before you set it on the coles.

The snayle water for a consumption

Take a quart of snayles, the shells being taken off and the yolkes of 40 or 50 new layd eggs, and 3 quarts of goats' milk or of a red cow. Beat the eggs well with the milk & then take an ounce of cinnamon broken and steeped all nighte in rose water, then take an ounce of dates stoned, 3 ounces of licorish, a quarter of a pound of browne sugar candy and a pint of muscadine*. Then take a red cock, slit him and take out his guts. Beat him all to pieces and put all these things into a still with somewhat a hotter fire then you doe other things. Take of this up unto 3 spoonefulls in the morning fasting, and as much in the afternoone.

* Muscadine: a variety of grape used in wine making. According to Wikipedia, it is native to the south east of the United States where it has been grown since the 16th century but whether it was being imported into England in the second half of the 17th century, I don't know. If anyone can throw light on this, please email the editor.

A Georgian/Victorian schoolbook, by Anne Murch

A 1793 schoolbook called "Geographical and Biographical exercises" by William Butler, a teacher of writing, accounts and geography in Ladies' schools, was sold in many editions well into the Victorian period, edited after his death by his son John. It was designed

for teaching junior pupils and included biographical details of eminent people from each county which the children were expected to repeat in class or transcribe into a book. The thirteen for Somersetshire (in which Bristol was included) included Roger Bacon of Ilchester "The greatest philosopher of the thirteenth century. He is supposed to have known many things which are said to have been invented after his death; as gunpowder, glasses which magnify or lessen objects, the air pump and the camera obscura". Others were Samuel Taylor Coleridge, John Locke born 1632 at Wrington who "holds the highest rank as a philosopher", Hannah More "a learned and pious writer", Elizabeth Rowe, "a pious female writer", Robert Blake, "gallant admiral in the reign of Charles II", William Dampier "circumnavigator" and Henry Fielding "novelist".

In the preface to a Victorian edition John Butler states "the great aim of the late author of these exercises has been kept in view and there have been introduced into the Biography some of those moral truths which are calculated to awaken the energies of virtue and the fervour of piety in young persons." This is evident in the description of Fielding. "Henry Fielding, of Sharpham Park, and who died in 1754 at Lisbon in Portugal wrote *Tom Jones*, *Amelia* and other novels. He was a man of fine genius; but wanting prudence, without which no one can succeed in life, he became poor. Extravagance leads to want and friendship, good nature and generosity, unless directed by prudence, may ruin a person. "Enjoy" says an ancient, "thy present good things as a mortal; but be careful of thy possessions as if thou wert immortal". I wonder if the nine year old girl, Kate Alice Law, who owned my

copy, was suitably impressed with this "moral truth".

The View from North Somerset - from Jane de Gruchy

By now, many of you (I hope!) will have visited the Heritage Centre, and some of us have had a sneak preview of the new Museum of Somerset in Taunton, so this issue I thought I'd look at things from a different perspective: that from North Somerset.

One of my official roles is North Somerset Archivist. Somerset County Council provides North Somerset Council's archives services for them, and has done so for the past ten years. North Somerset's archives (in the geographical as well as the administrative sense) are held at the Heritage Centre, and we care for them in the same way that we do for the rest of Somerset's records. This includes taking in new collections, cataloguing, appraising and making them available for researchers, and giving advice about archives to staff in North Somerset Council. Our service to North Somerset accounts for about 10% of all the archive activity that takes place at the Heritage Centre.

As part of this service, on two Thursdays a month I take documents and fiche up to North Somerset, and provide a mini archives service in three local libraries there: Weston super Mare, Nailsea and Clevedon. My hours are 11am-1pm and 2-3.30pm, and I visit on the first and third Thursday of each month.

The service is open to everyone, not just North Somerset residents, so if you live somewhere where it's easier to get to North Somerset than down to Taunton, it's worth getting in touch with me (on 01823 278805 or archives@somerset.gov.uk). Apart from very large volumes and maps, and documents that are too fragile to travel, users can look at anything from the archives, the Local Studies Library and the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society Library.



The photo shows one of my recent archives sessions at Nailsea, when I had two groups of researchers looking at the history of Tyntesfield, the wonderfully eccentric National Trust house at Wraxall. We also do a range of other activities to promote archives in North Somerset, including attending events like family history fairs,

giving talks and arranging touring exhibitions.

As well as its archives, we recently became responsible for other aspects of North Somerset's heritage. We are now in the middle of transferring North Somerset Museum's reserve collections to the museum's stores at the Heritage Centre, helped by an enthusiastic team of volunteers at North Somerset Museum. We have been up to the Museum to look at their archives, and have discovered a treasure-trove of documents - including fantastically coloured 1960s tourist posters and the building control plans for Weston's most iconic buildings. These have now all been transferred to the Heritage Centre. We are looking forward to getting these catalogued, and to reliving Weston's heyday through its archives.

How did you get on with the AGM Quiz

Here are the answers from the quiz in the last edition:

Somerset dates

- King Arthur's grave was discovered at Glastonbury in **1191**
- The Battle of Lansdowne took place in **1643**
- James Scott was beheaded in **July 1685**
- Taunton railway station opened in **1842**
- Glastonbury Festival first took place in **1965**

Somerset people

- The connection between Geoffrey Chaucer and Somerset is that he was the **Keeper of North Petherton park**
- The connection between Tom Jones and Somerset is that **Henry Fielding, author of Tom Jones, was born at Sharpham Park**

- **Sir John Popham** was the Lord Chief Justice and Speaker of the House of Commons who died in 1607 and has a monument in Wellington church
- **Thomas Coryate** was the son of an Odcombe vicar who died in India in 1617?
- **Dunster Castle** is the Somerset stately home where you can see Antony and Cleopatra - - **the leather hanging is in the gallery**

Somerset places

- **Stanton Drew** is the place where you can see a wedding with the bride, musicians and dancers all turned to stone
- The name Wiveliscombe comes from the name of an **Anglo Saxon settler**
- **Burrough Mump** is the hill in Somerset bought as a memorial to the county's dead of World War I
- Camelot is in the Somerset parish of **South Cadbury**
- **Weston super Mare** is the Somerset parish which had a population of 163 in 1811 and by 1911 was the second largest town in the county

True or false?

John Churchill, later Duke of Marlborough, fought for the Duke of Monmouth at the Battle of Sedgemoor - **False**

The Alcombe toast rack was a local bus from Alcombe to Minehead in the 1930's - **True**

Frances Flood's feet, which had fallen off because of an attack of smallpox, were buried at Saltford on the first of April 1723 - **True**

A teal is a small duck which migrates from Siberia to the Somerset levels every winter - **False**

The first British woman cabinet minister was born in Chard - **True**

Saints and sinners

- The 13th century tower on top of Glastonbury Tor is dedicated to **St Michael**
- Reginald fitz Urse of Williton is associated with the murder of **Thomas a Becket**
- **St Dunstan** is the Somerset saint who grasped the devil's nose with a pair of red hot pincers?
- **Carver Doone** is the fictional villain associated with Oare church?
- **St Joseph of Arimathea** planted the Glastonbury thorn and **a Puritan civil war soldier** chopped it down?

Pictures

Did you recognise

Nether Stowey, Dulverton and Yeovil Allerford, Cheddar, Plans of Shire Hall, Taunton

New Accessions February-June 2011

Not all of these collections have been listed, but they are all available for research at the Heritage Centre. If you cannot find the details on our online catalogue (www.somerset.gov.uk/dserve), please get in touch and we can give you more information.

Parish records

Banwell: registers of baptisms (1960-2007) and services (1992-2003) (D\P\ban)

Beckington: marriage register, 1973-1985 (D\P\bec)

Broadway: marriage register, 1991-2010 (D\P\broad)

Compton Dundon: marriage registers 1968-1996 (D\P\com.dn)

Goathurst: baptism register, 1910-2010 (D\P\gst)

Kingsdon: marriage registers, 1955-1985
(D\P\kingsd)

Locking: marriage register, 1839-2009
(D\P\lock)

Portishead St. Nicolas: marriage, banns and
service registers, 1985-2008 (D\P\pthd.nls)

Portishead St. Peter: additional records,
including baptisms, banns and service
registers, 1935-2010 (D\P\pthd)

Puckington: marriage register, 1985-2008
(D\P\puc)

Taunton St. Mary: additional records
including Vestry minutes, copy burial
register and Men's Society minutes, 1940-
1988; 19th-20th cent. photographs, PCC and
other committee minutes (1964-1989)
(D\P\tau.m)

Weston super Mare Holt Trinity: additional
records including parish registers,
churchwardens' accounts, pew rates, PCC
minutes and accounts, parish magazines and
sequestration papers, 1861-1994
(D\P\wsm.ht) (5 boxes)

Transcripts and monumental inscriptions
Ilchester Gaol: index to felons' register on
CD-Rom, [1822-1828] (A\BBC)

Strington: transcript and index to burials
(1813-2007) and monumental inscriptions
(1579-2007) (A\BTV)

Nonconformist records

Pedwell, Spaxton and Westonzoyland:
Methodist chapel deeds, 1826-1968
(D\N\bmc)

West Somerset Methodist Circuit:
miscellaneous records including those for
the churches of Alcombe, Minehead,
Monksilver, Roadwater, Timberscombe,

Watchet and Williton, 1940s-2010
(D\N\wsc)

Local government records

Brympton Parish Council: minutes, 1998-
1999 (D\PC\brym)

Cheddon Fitzpaine: Parish Council accounts,
1934-1999 (D\PC\che.f)

Chilcompton Parish Council: minutes,
accounts, declarations of office, rate books,
overseers' accounts, apprenticeship
indentures, war memorial accounts and
Millennium book, 1790-2000s (D\PC\chilc)

Chiselborough: additional parish council
records, minute books, conveyances and
notices, 1894-2007 (D\PC\chis)

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish
Council: minutes, accounts, declarations of
office, parish plan and records of Fox's
Charity, 1894-2005 (D/PC/l.st.l)

North Curry Parish Council: minutes,
accounts, deeds and other papers, 19th
cent.-20th cent. (D\PC\cur.n)

Norton Fitzwarren Parish Council minutes,
1995-2000 (D\PC\n.fitz)

Nunney Parish Council: minutes and
accounts, 1905-2011 (D\PC\nun)

Pitcombe Parish Council: minutes (1946-
2005) and receipts & payments (1978-2001)
(D\PC\pitc)

Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council:
minutes, accounts, ledgers and other
associated papers, 19th-20th cent.
(D\PC\sto.t)

Timberscombe Parish Council: minutes
(1988-2000); receipts and payments (1974-
2006); file regarding a trough; record of

letters and expenses (1983-2003)
(D\PC\timb)

Yatton Parish Council: minutes, deeds, etc.,
1899-2007 (D\PC\yat)

Somerset County Council: files relating to
rural and economic development (C\CTRG)
(8 boxes)

Somerset County Council Arts Unit: local
arts and cultural programmes and leaflets
for the Brewhouse, Tacchi Morris, The
Engine Room etc; brochures for local
art/cultural initiatives; papers re the
County Arts Forum and the Tacchi-Morris
Centre, 2000-2010 (C\COART)

North Somerset Council: Woodspring
District Council: planning files, 1980s-1990s
(40 boxes) (D\DC\wood)

North Somerset Museums Service: tourist
posters, building control plans, plans of
public undertakings, enclosure award for
Milton, OS maps, archaeological archives
(still to be collected), miscellaneous maps
and plans (33 boxes, 10 rolls, 7 portfolios)
(A\ATH)

Clubs and societies' records

Corfe: minute book of the Corfe Village
Club, 1918-1944 (A\BKK)

Hinton Blewett: Village Hall minutes and
other papers, 1950s-2005 (A\DFO)

Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly
Society (Northmoor): account books,
minutes books, benefits register, rules of
court, membership cards and quarterly
reports, 1863-1984 (A\DGQ)

Girlguiding: files on the history of
Girlguiding in Wells, Guiding memories and
DVDs of centenary film, [1916]-2010
(A\DFK)

School records

Banwell Primary School: punishment book,
log books, minute books and history of
school, 1863-2005 (A\DFN)

Felton: records of St Katherine's School,
including log books, punishment book and
admissions register, 1866-2009 (A\DFM)

Ilminster Girls' Grammar School:
photograph album of Miss Agnes Pennington,
an art teacher there 1931-1938 (A\DGB)

Newton St. Loe Church of England School:
log book (1924-1971) and minute book
(1903-1970) (D\P\new.s.l)

Weston super Mare: Records relating to
Wyvern Community School, the Board
School, Central Council Boys' School,
Walliscote Road Boys' School, the Boys' and
Girls' Secondary Modern Schools, and
Sandringham Comprehensive School,
including Governors' minutes, admission
registers, log books, photographs,
scrapbooks, and papers of Florence (Flossie)
Moger, a former teacher, 1894-2010
(A\DFT)

Business records

Bridgwater: solicitors' records including Will
books, letter books, records of Dr Morgan's
School, Bridgwater Grammar School,
schedule books, files on King James'
Exhibition Trust, Bill Books, accounts
ledgers and copy Middlezoy tithe map, 1851-
1991 (DD\BA) (6 boxes, 11 large volumes)
Mells: papers, plans and slides concerning
excavation and conservation works on
Fussell's Ironworks site, conducted 1974-
1981 (A\AWI)

Minehead and Porlock: records of J. Ridler
and Sons, 14 Park Street, Minehead,
including ledgers, cask books and family
accounts, 1906-c.1983 (A\DFP) (13 boxes)
Street: account books of the Yerbury
family with F. W. Jones, grocer and

greengrocer of Middle Leigh, c.1960s
(A\DFX)

Family and personal papers

Beach family: papers of the Beach family of Kingston St. Mary and Taunton, garage owners 19th-20th cent. (A\DFV)

Ernst Blensdorf: personal papers of Ernst Blensdorf (20th century sculptor in wood), including exhibition brochures, correspondence, photographs, writings on art, papers relating to his flight from Norway and his internment on the Isle of Man, etc., [1890s]-2000s (A\DGK) (16 boxes)

Hancock family: additional papers, including correspondence, diaries, accounts, deeds, estate vouchers, photographs and ephemera, 19th cent.-20th cent. (DD\HC) (34 boxes)

Charles Marson: personal papers of the Revd. Charles Marson (Christian Socialist, folk song collector and rector of Hambridge), including correspondence, diaries, sketches and published works, 1880s-1900s (A\DFS)

Pinney family: volume with additional notes about the family in America, 1924 (A\AQU)

Ponting family: deeds relating to Ponting of Norton St Philip, 17th-19th cent., and deeds relating to Evercreech estate, Nunney, and elsewhere, 19th cent. (DD\X\WI)

Other records

Bridgwater: Records of the North Moor District Drainage Board, Bridgwater Drainage Board and Pawlett Drainage Board, 1920s-1960s (DD\BA) (6 boxes)

Kingston Seymour: details of repairs to sea wall in Kingston Seymour, 1773; lists of commoners for Yatton and Kenn Moor, 18th cent.; hay silver rates, 1641 (A\DFG)

Moorlinch: poor rate book, 1914 (A\DGF)

Wellington Trades Council: minutes and correspondence, 1980s-1990s (A\DGM)

Yatton: survey of 1821, deeds for cottage at Claverham Cross, day books for Stuckey's Butchers and article, 1751-1997 (A\ACC)

'People on the Move' Archive: records relating to a Global Collective youth group project looking at people who have moved to Somerset from other countries, 2010-2011 (A\DFZ)

FOSA PROGRAMME

An Amble Around Dunster Village



led by local historian **Hilary Binding** on **Sunday 17th July at 2.30pm**

The group will meet at the Yarn Market in Dunster. Please wear comfortable shoes as the walk will take about 90 minutes. Places on the walk are limited to a maximum of 20.

A follow up talk on **the archives of the Luttrell family of Dunster Castle** by the former editor of the Somerset VCH

Mary Siraut

will be held on **Wednesday 20th July at 7.30pm at the**

Somerset Heritage Centre, Langford Mead, Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton, TA2 6SF.

Please email jdegruchy@somerset.gov.uk or chairman@friendsofsomersetarchives to book a place at either or both events. Non-

members are welcome to attend any Friends event - donations welcome.

Can you help?

In the last issue I asked if there was anything you would like to see added to the Snippets. I have been asked if we could offer space for people, who do not live near the Archives, to ask for help.

One of our members has the following problem:

His wife's great great grandfather Samuel Parks married an Ann(e) Millard in London on 11 January 1807 but the only reference regarding where she came from was in the 1851 census as coming from Somerset, Marston. She died in 1859. The obvious question is, is there anyone else researching Millards in Somerset and which Marston might it be?

If you can help, please let me know and I will forward your email to the member.

If you want to ask a question please let me know.

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Items For Sale

We still have a number of books and CDs that Paul Mansfield has kindly donated to the Friends for sale to help raise funds.

We have the following titles.

Norris' Taunton Journal 1725 to 1727.

Indexed and filmed by Paul Mansfield. A full facsimile of the original with an index on one cd-rom for £4.00 post free to the U.K. and £4.60 overseas.

Books

A Catalogue of Unfortunate Incidents -

Inquests and Death by Misadventure in 18th Century Somerset and Surrounds. - £6.00 including UK postage. Please make cheques payable to The Friends of Somerset Archives and send to 102 Monks Dale, Yeovil, Somerset, BA21 3JH

To finish - from the diary of Benjamin Hebditch(1791-1861) of South Petherton -

This day Mr Thos Terrells Dwelling House Barn and out Houses was all Burnt down at Yeabridge, Amos Baker the Tenant with his Wife and 5 Children was in Bed about one o'clock when it broke out in the chimney when they was obliged to take the Children and run down Naked save their changes - 1¼ acres of wheat unthrashed with 12 Geese and Empty Casks and a great part of the Household goods was Burnt.

The Buildings was insured in £100 but the Household Goods was not.