

East Brent Parish History Group **Meeting 6th June 2012**

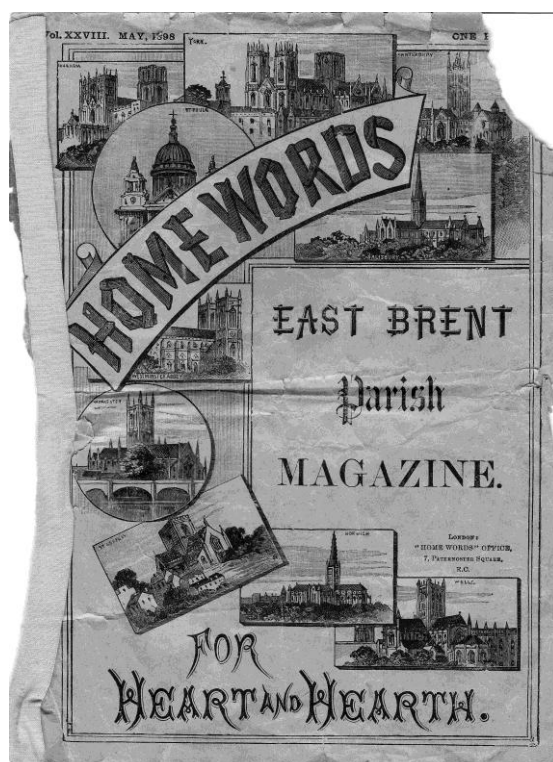
New Members

It was good to welcome two new members plus one at the previous meeting. New and returning members are always welcome.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

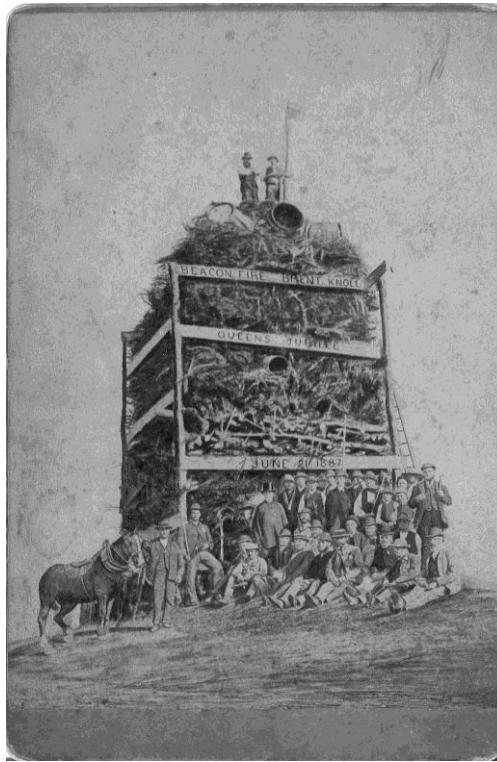
Enormous thanks are due to Betty Griffin, Jenny Binning and John Rigarsford (plus a few others) who provided such a successful display as part of the Parish's celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There were many items and photographs provided by members and others living in or with a connection with the Parish. There was also a selection of documents from Somerset Heritage Centre (SHC).

A copy of the East Brent Parish Magazine was made available and has now been deposited at the SHC. The original is on pink paper and a copy of the front page is shown below.



I understand some 30 to 40 people attended on each day and many were interested in seeing the display repeated. As a result, we have agreed to hold the display on an annual basis, please look out for announcements.

A very topical photograph was also made available. This was of the building of the bonfire on the 'Knoll' in 1887 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Unfortunately, this year it was not possible to repeat this fabulous effort – English Heritage would never have allowed it!



Parish Website

This is progressing and co-ordinated by Bill Walker (aventine1@btconnect.com). Please contact him for further information.

Next Meeting

At the next meeting we expect to have a visitor from New Zealand. Brian Fry, who has been mentioned before, is visiting Margaret Thompson and they are both planning to attend. Brian lived in what is now known as Holly Tree Cottage in Church Road (Street). His mother worked at Rosseholme for a number of years. Brian married a New Zealand lady at St. Mary's in 1959 and moved to New Zealand in early 1960.

If you would like to share memories with Brian and Margaret, please come along.

The next meeting will be held on – **4th July 2012** when there will be a further presentation concerning the history of the Parish of East Brent.

All meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month - 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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