

## **East Brent Parish History Group** **Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

The Parish History Group Meeting reviewed and discussed the following topics.

- Funding – The Parish Council has agreed in principle a contribution.
- Constitution – This has been drafted and will be forwarded to members within the next couple of days (copy to the Parish Council).
- Formal positions (Chair, Secretary etc.) will be appointed at the next meeting.
- All meetings will now be held on the 1st Wednesday in each month as follows :  
4 Jan., 1 Feb., 7 Mar., 4 Apr., 2 May., 6 June and 4 July 2012.  
There will be a break during August 2012 with meetings recommencing 5 Sept. 2012.
- Original Tithe Map – This has now been photographed and a good resolution copy is available. Thanks are due to Neil Richards and Geoff Searle. It has now been lodged with Somerset Heritage Centre who will preserve it for the future. Jenny Binning has obtained copies of the Tithe Map from microfiche and this will be available in the paper archive together with her transcription of the Apportionment.
- The Ham families of the Parish are being collated from a variety of sources including those sent by several contributors from the U.K. and elsewhere.
- An edited version of Margaret Thompson's talk will be made available in due course.
- North Sedgemoor Local History Group – A discussion has been held with John Strickland of the NSLHG. The two groups are quite complementary with no likelihood of duplication. The NSLHG's programme of talks was made available.
- Many photographs have become available from various sources including the Brent Knoll Inn, Jenny Binning and contributors from Atlanta, Georgia and Iowa, USA. In particular one of a procession at the 1926 Harvest Home (below)  
Courtesy of Ben Ward, Atlanta, Georgia.



- John Rigarlsford has provided a copy of his personal history and time at the spent working at the Cheddar Valley Dairy in what is now Mendip Lane, Rooksbridge.
- East Brent War Memorial (see last month's Community News).  
A welcome reply was received from Neville Curry in New Zealand. Neville gave details of a family contact in Burnham who may have more information relating to the War Memorial figures etc. This looks a very promising source and I will visit him in due course.  
John Flavin via Rev. Simon Lewis has provided copies of his research into those commemorated on the Memorial. This is available to anyone who would like a copy.

#### Help Needed

Can anyone help by identifying the location of the house in the photograph below. We know who it is but where was it?



The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012**, 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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