Volume II

BRAMHAM: THE VILLAGE IN TIMES PAST.

In the early 1990's, John and Doreen Dickson joined Patricia and David Machin in a project to collect and record photographs, postcards and reminiscences of old Bramham from residents and friends of the village. Over two years of amassing evidence, and then writing, resulted in the book which was published in August 1994. By that time the editorial team had been augmented by Bob Murphy of ElectroVellum Ltd. and Ruth Watson; they took responsibility, respectively, for layout and publishing and for all financial matters. Chris Shaw re-photographed the original photos and cards.

At the request of the Village Council, one of the book's sponsors, an exhibition of original materials, plus further offerings from villagers, was mounted in the Village Hall on Saturday 22 October 1994, attended by around 100 interested supporters.

Subsequently, the editorial team placed three volumes of photographs and articles into the safekeeping of Bramham Village Council. It is hoped that these precious and hard - earned materials will be kept available for the future benefit and enjoyment of the people of Bramham. This will be the only full set of papers and photographs from this iniative, though a further set of photographs will be in existence.

Included here are photographs taken in Summer 1994 by David Machin, who holds the negatives, reproducing scenes depicted in earlier days. Thus, in years to come, these records will provide evidence of the appearance of Bramham in both the early, and late, days of the 20 th Century.

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unilage brimming boys in the 1840s and 50s. But after its staff and pupils were killed off in a cholera epidemic in 1869, it closed and was dismantled brick by brick

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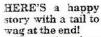
And scattered among the pictures are anecdotes of history, snippets of people's memories which bring them arive. For example, details such as wny the tradition of toiling the bell to signify a death came to an end during the Second World War - or what happened when the orisoner of war camp opened at Bramham Park. These give an insight into what everyday life was once like.

This book is not an in depth historical study of the village, nor does it try to be. It is a thoughtful and interesting book which the reader can dip into time and time again and relive Bramham's past.

Material used in the book was on show at an exhibition of Old Bramnam in the trillage hall last



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are from the left: David Machin, Mrs Patricia Machin, 300 Murphy and Mrs Doreen Dickson.(W7198)



"Brambon - the Village in Times Past" (see over)

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The book was launded in Argust 1994, and bold out its first printing of 600 copies by early 1995.

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By mid - late 1996 the profits anomaled to about \$2000. A donatri of \$500 beyord purchase rooten for straying in the Village Hall, with a fetter \$2000 beld to pay for materials in the re-laying of the Chrohyard fort path.