

The Millennium Archive Exhibition

Village Hall Supper Room

Saturday 11th November 2000

Organised by Archivist David Machin & Harry Tindall

with help from Paul Topping





Harry & Paul checking

Dave & Gill Cass with the 1881 Census in CD



A Second Chance to see the Archive

**Saturday 28 April 2001 ; the same cast , plus :
Melvyn Wood and his Artefacts , Lil & Derek Barton
with their miniature houses , and refreshments from
the ladies of Bramham Yorkshire Countrywomen .**



have lived here for many years, were equally enthralled by the documentation on display.

Along with David Machin (joint organiser with Harry Tindall of the exhibition) I firstly studied two fine pictures of Bramham College, which once stood beside the Biggin in the grounds of Bramham Park. A cholera epidemic took the lives of the headmaster and a number of the boys and the school closed, never to open again; it was demolished and the stone was used in the rebuilding of the ruined Bramham Park.

I then went to look at artefacts discovered by Mr Melvyn Wood. Using a metal detector mainly in the fields of New York Farm, he unearthed various objects dating from Roman to Victorian times and has generously gifted his finds to the village. I

was particularly interested in a Roman brooch, a 17th century stirrup and a number of crested livery buttons, some belonging to the Bramham Moor Hunt and to the Lane Fox household.

Residents of the village were able to discover the history of their houses and some details of previous occupants from old Census records. The exhibition should have closed at 3.30 pm but when I left 15 minutes later, there were still people engrossed in the material and some were busy researching their family using CD ROM's compiled by the Mormon church.

Also on display was the intricate work of Mr and Mrs Barton whose hobby is making miniature houses and their contents. No one could fail to have been impressed by the attention to detail and the obvious hours of patience

needed to produce such fine work.

Surely with so much interest, Bramham should have a Historical Society. Perhaps we should get started, if you think it's a good idea, let me know.

Bramham's History

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