

Tiverton Civic Society Newsletter 70 April 2009

The April 2009 Newsletter brings another varied and interesting set of articles and news updates.

Chairman's Introduction Our new Chairman, Jeremy Salter, introduces himself, and discusses the strengths of the Society...

Tiverton Celebrates the 1100th anniversary of the founding of the diocese of Exeter Fern Clarke outlines how the diocese of Exeter came into being, and the political background and religious issues that led to the foundation. Finally, she outlines the many events that are taking place to celebrate the anniversary in Tiverton in May...

Master John White's Conductor Brian Jenkins discusses a school text book, *The Conductor*, written by schoolmaster John White, which distils his experience of decades of teaching in the seventeenth century, first at Chilcott School, Tiverton, and later as Headmaster of Butterleigh Boarding School...

Tiverton Town Centre Enhancement Scheme Fern Clarke discusses the improvements to the town centre following the completion of the Scheme. She empathises with difficulties and issues faced by the Scheme's Working Group, traders and members of the public over parking, loading and traffic regulation enforcement, and outlines early proposals for the next phase of town centre enhancement which will be achieved by the development of the former Tiverton & District Hospital site...

St. Andrew Street, Tiverton. Part X – The Victorians – What the Census tells us Jane Evans brings the street to life in the period between the 1841 census and the 1901 censuses. Find out how the times treated Henry Dunsford the baker, Frederick Patch the solicitor, William Harris the hatter, John Hatswell the tailor, Rector John Spurway and his family, Henry Rossiter at Hobby Horse Mill, John Fraser the railway superintendent and many others...

Hartnoll James Wyeth brings us up to date with the planning issues that have arisen on this site east of Manley Lane the full details of which are on this website.



Exeleigh Bridge Judith Elsdon, Curator of Tiverton's Museum of Mid Devon Life, looks at the detail of Exeleigh Bridge as it is revealed in prints and photographs held in the Museum. This is the second article Judith has contributed to our Newsletter. In November 2007 and May 2008, Jane Evans'

articles discussed the bridges of Tiverton. Judith's article takes us through the pleasures and vicissitudes of floods and extreme winter weather, and their impact on Exeleigh Bridge, and it ends with a request – can you identify the two ladies photographed on Exeleigh Bridge in 1908?

The Newsletter brings updates on Devon Conservation Forum, the South West Association of Civic Societies. The update on the South West Association of Civic Societies (formerly the Outer South West Civic Trust) reveals that the Civic Trust was placed in administration in mid April 2009. The Tiverton Civic Society subscription to the Civic Trust, which funded the quarterly regional association meetings of the Outer South West Civic Trust until 2008, has been cancelled. The South West Association of Civic Societies is continuing the support given to local civic societies by the Outer South West Civic Trust, and remains strong in both its leadership and finances. Members of our Society committee will be attending the next meeting of the South West Association of Civic Societies in Torquay in July, courtesy of Torbay Civic Society. The next Newsletter will bring members news of further developments. We hope you will want to read the full April Newsletter after reading these introductions to the articles and news updates. Newsletters are provided twice yearly on receipt of a subscription to the Tiverton Civic Society, due on 1st November annually. Details of whom to contact, and the current subscription, are posted on this website.