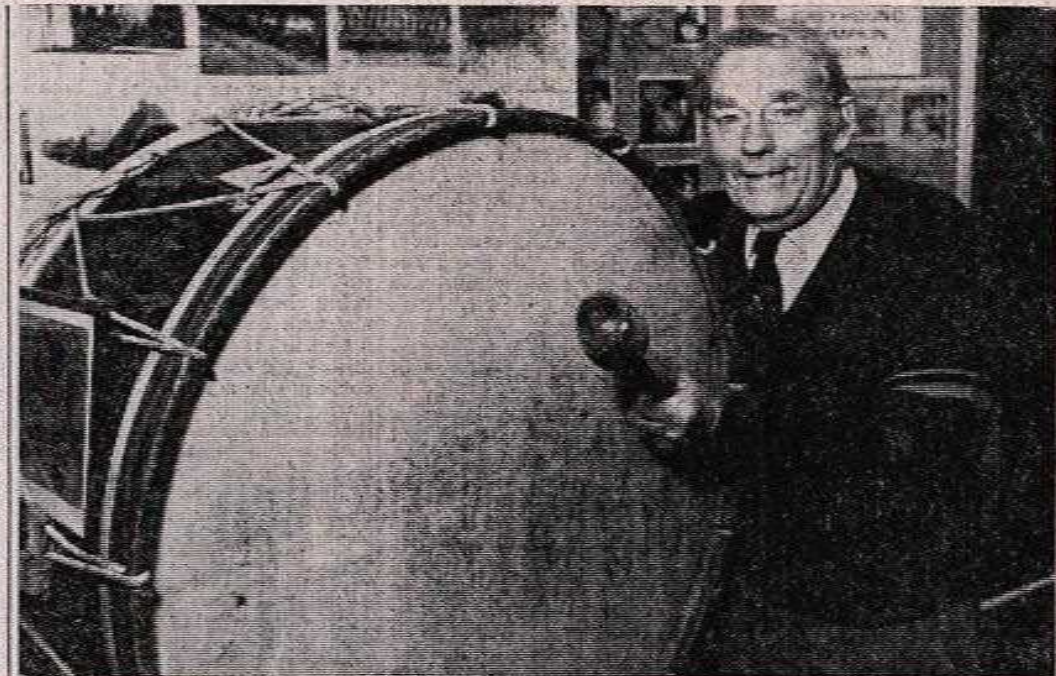


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The Broughton Local History Group exhibition took place at the Village Hall on Saturday. Here Mr. Maurice Hatcher, chairman, strikes a note on the big drum of the old village band. The exhibition celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Group's foundation

Broughton's past comes to life

DAYLIGHT RAID

Thieves forcibly entered a dwelling at Beechwood Crescent, Ampfield, on Friday in last week, during the day, and got

BROUGHTON Local History Group celebrated its 10th anniversary by staging an exhibition in the Village Hall.

Various displays had been painstakingly put together. With loving care, the precious pieces of porcelain, the fading photographs and the yellowing newspapers were brought out, together with the brightly-coloured prints recording more recent events. The iron lions of Longleat, which were fashioned by the Broughton blacksmith in his foundry, the delicate Victorian picture album, the marvels of gardens and plots competing in the annual shows, the modern achievements in the arts and technology by the local schoolchildren recorded by word and picture, enthralled.

Hampshire Record Office had assisted in preparing the registers, minute books, maps and documents relating to Parish Council and Parochial Church Council affairs back into the 17th century. Archival films on videos had been loaned by the Wessex Film and Sound Archive which included events in Romsey (1915) and Winchester (1930's) and, to the delight of Broughtonians, film of village people and activities. The children, too, had their video show: a continuous running of past pantomimes, one of the most popular attractions of village life.

The elegance of life at Queenwood College, previously the Harmony Hall of trade union pioneer Robert Owen, was recaptured in china and silver. Proudly displayed, with its drumsticks and thonging was the great drum used over many years by the Broughton Temperance Brass Band, which took part in the Andover carnivals as well as village events. A display of archaeological finds from the foot of Broughton Down had been carefully assembled, and no Broughton exhibition would be complete without the story of the Dovecote (restored in 1984 by the villagers) and the saving of the village hall (as a result of tremendous fund-raising efforts in 1987).

Three strangers who happened to be seeking out the Baptist Chapel and information

away with a TV and video recorder worth £780.

FOR THE BLIND

The Hampshire Association for the Care of the Blind house-to-house collection in the Romsey area from August 27th to September 1st raised £377.94.