



● An English oak is planted by the Thorncombe Village Trust to mark the beginning of a parish tree-planting scheme. The tree was grown from a Thorncombe acorn by Trust vice-chairman Mr Peter Moreland, and also in the picture are committee members Carolyn Bonfield, Janet Walker, John Whitbread, Derrick Comley and Augusta Greenlees.

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AN INSIGHT INTO THE WORLD OF WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY.

Following Colin Varndell's very well attended and much enjoyed talk and slide show last July, the Thorncombe Village Trust have invited him back to show another selection of his slides, this one entitled 'Techniques in Wildlife Photography' - don't be put off by the title, this is **not** a technical lecture but more of an insight into the secret world of wildlife photography, stalking deer, foxes, badgers, catching small mammals for controlled photography, attracting birds to bait and photographing birds in mid-flight are some of the subjects covered. This Slide Show and Talk will be in the VILLAGE HALL, THORNCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 1987 at 8 p.m. Admission 25p. Trust Members FREE. REFRESHMENTS. BRING AND BUY. RAFFLE.

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THORNCOMBE IN THE MID 19th. CENTURY.

Due to the bad weather this talk and slide show had to be postponed. It will now be held on Wednesday 13 May 1987 it is hoped many of you will be able to come and that the weather will be a little warmer. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

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ST.MARY'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

Many thanks to everyone who helped on the Trusts stall at the Christmas Bazaar, all proceeds went to St.Mary's Church. Special thanks to Rachael Whitbread.

HOUSING SURVEY.

The results of the 'Thorncombe Housing Needs Survey' have now been published in booklet form and are available from the village Post Office or Shop, local libraries or direct from the Clerk of the Parish Council, Mr.R.D.J.Hawkes, Old Crown, Fore Street, Thorncombe. Tel: Winsham 359.

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THORNCOMBE VILLAGE TRUST - PROJECTS FOR 1987.

During 1987 the Thorncombe Village Trust, Historical section, intends to pursue a number of simple research programmes dealing with the everyday life of the Parish, as information is received and our knowledge grows, our research will become more involved and of course more interesting. These early projects will need the help of all the older members of our community and all the little titbits of information of the past, which they have stored away either in their memories, or on paper cuttings, or pictures, nothing will be too small or too large to be ignored. Please rack your memories and let us see if we can produce a really interesting history of yesteryear Thorncombe. The following projects are just to start us off on information which may soon be forgotten

Project 1/87. Many of the fields, lanes, groups of or single houses were named, or had names other than by which they are at present known, we wish to record these and mark them on a map of the Parish before they are lost for ever.

Project 2/87. As far as we know we had five water mills in the Parish, Westford, Tuck, Sadborow, Shedrack and Ammerham do you know any others? What did they mill, when did they start or become disused, who were the millers or the owners? Details of the type of water wheel used and the layout of the various waterways servicing the mill, any little scrap of information will be welcome

Project 3/87. Once Thorncombe had several factories engaged in the wool trade, and the rope or yarn trade. Where were these factories, when were they built, when did they close, who owned them or managed them. If you know anything about this side of Thorncombe past, please pass it on.

Will anyone having any knowledge of any of the above, no matter how small, please contact Mr.R.D.J.Hawkes. Old Crown, Fore Street, Thorncombe. Tel: Winsham 359.

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SILENT SUCCESS.

The final total of Ms.A.Greenlees' 24 hours sponsored silence was £62.00 which she kindly donated to the Trust funds. Very many thanks Augusta. Can anyone beat it!!

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LOW COST HOUSING.

The Thorncombe Village Trust has continued to investigate the possibility of genuine low cost houses and houses for rent in association with The Ragland Housing Association and The Sutton Hastoe Housing Association. We have been visited by the managers from both these associations and are now awaiting to hear their comments. We will keep you informed of any further developments.

A possible alternative to this would be the formation of a Self Build Housing Association and anyone interested in participating in this activity or discussing this further should contact either Ms.A.Greenlees - Winsham 791 or Mr.R.D.J. Hawkes - Winsham 359.

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APOLOGIES TO THORNCOMBE READERS OF THE PARISH MAGAZINE.

As you will know the Trusts Newsletter is published bi-monthly. It is inserted into all the Thorncombe Parish Magazines but not the Winsham or Cricket St. Thomas issues. Due to this, notice of our forthcoming events appear elsewhere in the magazine for the benefit of Winsham and Cricket, we hope Thorncombe readers will excuse the duplication. Anyone not receiving a Trust Newsletter and would like one please contact C.Bonfield - Winsham 426. Extra copies are always available at the village Post Office.