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Some of the Group with Mr Whelan and Mrs Polly Clifton and her china doll

## EDITORIAL

Usually I end this little piece with thanks to a list of people but this time I would like to start with thanks to all our readers. Because of your support we have raised over £200 which has been spent on history books for the Primary School. With threats to the teaching of history within the curriculum I feel that our little group is more important than ever and at least we know there will be lots of books for the children to read with their improved reading skills! I hasten to state here that I really think Eynsham Primary pupils are already quite capable of reading the books!

In past issues we have considered our families, Eynsham churches, the Thames and the Public Houses and this time we have looked at the shops of Eynsham and the shopping habits of Eynsham residents in the past and now. There are also some contributions which reflect individual interests.

As a basis for our research on the shopping habits of the residents of Eynsham over the past 40 odd years we used some work done by a former pupil of the school. Anna Chapman actually did her research while she was at Bartholomew School. It was part of a geography project but we felt it could help us with our history of the village. Indeed, it is sometimes difficult to separate one discipline from another as very often the history of a place will depend on its geographical location. We discovered this in our study of the Thames. So we must again say thank you to Anna. I hope you like the photograph we have of her.

Of course I will not be omitting my usual list of those who deserve our especial thanks. Over the past weeks we have been lucky to have visits from Mrs Jean Buttrick, Mrs Mona Gascoigne, Mr Terry Woodman, Mr Blake Pullen, Mr & Mrs F Harris and Mrs 'Polly' Clifton. Once again there has been great support from the Senior History Group and Mr Keates and the staff of the school. My extra special thanks goes to Mr Whelan who looked after the group while I was away for three weeks and to the members of the group for their enthusiasm!!

Pamela Richards, Senior Member & Editor.

## SOME FACTS ABOUT ANGLO SAXONS by Jessica Scott & Jenny Rossiter

When the Anglo-Saxons began to settle in England they lived in small tribal groups. These groups slowly developed into Kingdoms each with its own King and its own laws. Many of the Kingdoms have given England its modern county names: Sussex, Essex and Middlesex are the kingdoms of the South, East and Middle Saxons. We now live in what was part of Wessex (the West Saxons).

Old English was the language of the Anglo-Saxons. The English spoken today comes from the same language although it has changed quite a lot over the years. Latin was the language of the church. It was used to write the religious books.

At first the Anglo-Saxons wrote using letters called 'runes' The alphabet of runes with the modern equivalents is given below. The runic alphabet is called the 'futhork'. Can you see why?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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## COINS by Emma Lyon

Coins are now most countries' currency. Ancient people used coins sometimes but mostly things were traded or bartered. Instead of metal, stone was often used.

A Roman denarius is very old and so is the Greek Lepton. Leptons were once the smallest coin in circulation, each being worth about a quarter of a farthing - a 'mite'. There is often a reference to the widow's mite from the story in the Bible,

Although in this country we now use decimal currency they used to use coins like the shilling, two shillings, the sixpence, the farthing and the thrupney' (threepence) bit. It is fairly easy to collect coins from the reigns of Victoria, George V and George VI.



MINTING COINS from Diderot's Encyclopaedia showing (a) casting (b) striking coins (c) melting gold in the furnace (d) anvil (e) shears (f) workbench for striking coins and (g) table for tracing-up the coins

## THE PINE SHOP by Emily Beech

The land on which the Pine shop stands, and around it, was owned by Mr Chambers. He used it as a produce shop to sell the produce from the land and orchard. In around 1965 he sold it to Mr. Knight who used it as a grocer's and butcher's shop. He lived in the flat upstairs. It became a pine shop about 9 years ago. When Mrs M Gascoigne came to talk to us she told us that the shop used to be called the Everleigh Stores and was managed by Alan Thornton son of Mr John Thornton who kept the Queens Head public house.

## REPORT ON A TALK ABOUT SHOPS IN EYNHAM OF THE PAST BY MRS MONA GASCOIGNE GIVEN TO THE GROUP ON 11th NOVEMBER 1997 by Flora Cranmer-Perrier

Mrs Gascoigne and family came to Eynsham in 1948. They lived in Queen Street which had a fish and chip shop at the end (opposite the entrance to The Gables) The only fish and chip shop in Eynsham is now next to the Spar in Spareacre Lane.

There were three bakeries which delivered bread and cakes to the door. One was Biggers Bakery in the High Street, Mr Hall's in Acre End Street and Jack Hill in Thames Street, where Peaks is now.

They had a milkman, Mr Cunliffe from Barnard Gate. There was also Mr Pullen's shop in High Street which sold grocery etc. This is now the D.I.Y shop. There were also three garages that sold petrol, two in the High Street and one next to the Evenlode Pub. The only petrol stations now are on the A40.

In Newland Street, Bill Sawyer kept a grocery and ironmongery shop. He had taken the shop over from his father. Mrs Gascoigne said she bought a bicycle from there once. On Mr Sawyer's retirement the shop was sold and pulled down and new shops built.

Next door to Sawyer's was John Burden's blacksmith shop, where they would shoe the horses outside. Further down Newland Street was Gardia's shoe repair shop and next door to that was an antique shop run by Mr Lamb. It is now a newly built house.

In the square was Pimm's shop which mostly sold groceries. This is where the laundrette and tea shop are now. Where Abbey Properties is now was Bevan Pimm's Stationery shop. He also managed the Post Office there. Church Cottage in the Square was another shoe repair shop and there was a butcher's shop where the Halifax Building Society is now.

Mrs Mona Gascoigne herself ran a drapers shop and confectioners. This later was taken over by the Coal Board as a shop for solid fuels and is now Talmage's electrical shop.

There was another drapery shop in Mill Street owned by Mrs Creasey which is now the bicycle shop. There had been a bicycle shop run by Mrs Rudge where the Apple Computer shop is now. Mill Street also had a hardware shop run by a Mr King. This is now a veterinary surgery. The Chinese take-away replaced a V.G. Supermarket. Mill Street recently had Jen's drapery shop which is now a house.

Mrs Gascoigne said that she tried to remember most of the shops in Eynsham but if she could not remember all of them it is probably because Eynsham has always been a busy thriving village.

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EYNSHAM and LONG HANBOROUGH, Oxon	

<b>M. GASCOIGNE</b>	
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## JOHN KNOX BIGGERS by Tara Hooper

John Knox Biggers was born in 1856. His father was called Henry and was a wool sorter.

In 1889 John Knox married Mary Butcher of Eynsham. They had seven children. John Henry, their eldest son died when he was fourteen years old.

John Knox set up Biggers Bakery in his house. Biggers sold bread and coal which they delivered around the village in a horse drawn cart.

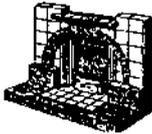
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Photograph of the Biggers family probably in 1915. Back row: Ida Biggers (married name Green, known locally as Teacher Green), Evelyn Biggers (married name England - Tara's Great-Grandmother) Wilfred Biggers. Front Row: John Knox Biggers, \*Henry Christopher Biggers (known as Chris), Mary Biggers, \*John Knox Biggers jun., Annie Biggers (married name Pratt) \*twins

## E. SAWYER AND SON by Alison Retz

Last term Mrs Buttrick came to tell us about her father's shop in Newland Street, called E Sawyer & Son.

The shop was opened some time in the 1860s. It sold nearly everything. Mrs Buttrick described it as an "Aladdin's Cave" A lot of the older inhabitants of the village will remember this shoo. It was where the new Chinese Take-away and Police Office is now.

It started off as three different cottages. Her great grandfather bought one, then the other and then the other. Inside it was an old-fashioned shop, in a very Victorian style.

There was a cheese counter made of marble, a biscuit counter where all the biscuits were sold separately. They sold broken biscuits which were biscuits which had been broken accidentally. They were a great favourite with the children as they were sold cheaply.

Mrs Buttrick also remembers the jams and tins at the back of the shop on shelves. She especially remembers the "Robinsons" jams that had a little paper golliwog with them. There was also a cake counter and the till.

There would always be lots of things outside. They sold plimsoles; there were black, white and brown ones. These would be hung up on a big long pole rather like kippers.

You wouldn't just go and help yourself like the supermarket now. You would have to say what you wanted and the person at the till would get it for you. Besides groceries, cakes, and biscuits, there were nails and other hardware things. They also sold sweets in big jars. They had bacon and ham which Mrs Buttrick remembers her sister cutting up. Everything would be weighed with old fashioned scales with 'dolly' weights. The shop closed in 1971. It was always the main village shop because it sold so much.



Drawing by N. Hayes, sometime teacher at Eynsham Primary School

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**E. SAWYER & SON**  
(W. H. SAWYER)



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**THE EYNSHAM STORES**  
**EYNSHAM**

## SHOPPING PATTERNS IN EYNSHAM

We based our survey on that made by Anna Chapman in 1987. We asked a number of people about their shopping habits and then randomly selected 20 (the same number as in Anna's survey). The questionnaire was as set out below:-

A Questionnaire asking people of 1997 where they get their shopping

- Where do you get your bread from ?
- Where do you get your fruit and vegetables from ?
- Where do you get your newspapers from ?
- Where do you get your chemist products from ?
- Where do you get your clothes from ?
- Where do you get your electrical appliances from
- Where did you get your wedding dress/ring from ?

Would you like more shops in Eynsham in the future ?  
 YES   NO

Would you like less shops in Eynsham in the future  
 YES   NO

If you would like more shops in Eynsham in the future what kind of shops would you like ?

Do you think that there will be more or less shops in the future ?  
 MORE LESS

We then made a table comparing our results with those found by Anna so that we have a rough idea of how shopping habits of Eynsham residents have changed in the past 60 or so years.

Shopping Items	Eynsham			Witney			Oxford			London		
	1930	1987	1997	1930	1987	1997	1930	1987	1997	1930	1987	1997
Bread	20	15	12	0	2	3	0	3	1	0	0	0
Fruit & Veg	20	10	7	0	7	8	0	3	0	0	0	0
Newspapers	20	16	16	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0
Chemist	15	4	16	5	3	1	0	13	1	0	0	0
Clothes	8	0	1	12	2	1	0	15	16	0	0	0
Elect. goods	20	3	2	0	5	3	0	12	14	0	0	0
Wedding Goods	0	0	0	3	0	0	13	14	10	4	6	4

From the above table it can be seen that most change in the shopping habits of Eynsham residents has been in where they purchase their clothes and electrical goods. Regarding the questions of whether there should be more or less shops in Eynsham and what type of shops seem to be needed, our findings were that a majority of those questioned thought that there were about the right number of shops in Eynsham although a significant number would like to be able to buy clothes and shoes here. The lack of shops selling books, records, toys and presents was also noted.

From her questioning of residents in 1987 Anna Chapman found that 15% of those questioned thought that the number of shops would stay the same in the future, 20% thought there would be less and 65% thought there would be more. It is interesting to note that the shops felt lacking by those questioned by Anna included a clothes shop and a book & record shop, but other 'needs' such as a video shop, a cafe, an electrical shop and a restaurant have come to Eynsham. It can also be noted that an Indian take-away which was also a 'need' has come and gone.

From the Eynsham Local Plan Review Consultation Draft of July 1987 Anna found that "It is considered that major additional shopping provision will not be needed to meet the requirements of the future population."

It would be interesting to do a similar survey in 2007!

## OUR GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Below is a photograph of Anna Chapman taking part in another event about Eynsham's history in June 1982. Anna is on the right of the picture in the centre is Mollie Harris and on the left Anna's sister Katie.



## SHOPS IN VICTORIAN EYNSHAM

We have been helped by a number of senior members of the community but as none of them are over 100 years of age we looked into one of the old Directories to gain some picture of Eynsham in Victorian times. From *Billing's Directory and Gazetteer* of 1854 we have extracted the following list.

### **Newland Street**

Thomas & James Burden  
Edmond Wheeler

Blacksmith  
Grocery

### **Queen Street**

John Bridges

Boot & Shoe Maker

### **Abbev Street**

Ann Castle  
Jonathan Green  
William Stanley Harper

Dressmaker  
Butcher  
Tailor

### **Acre End Street**

Ann Foster

Grocer & Draper & Post Mistress  
Post Office: Arrival 5.30am., 6.30pm  
Dispatch 9.15am., 10.0pm  
Money Orders 10.0am-6pm  
Chemist, Druggist, Glass & China  
Hairdresser  
Coal Merchant  
Beer Retailer & Baker

Thomas Goodall  
John Eustace  
William Darby  
John Harwood

Robert Barton  
William James Sawyer  
Jonathan Sheldon  
William & Mary Smith  
Thomas Swalling  
Thomas Wiggins

Clock, Watchmaker & Jeweller  
Boot & Shoemaker  
Corn Merchant & Maltster  
Baker & Shopkeeper  
Ironmonger  
Boot & Shoemaker.

**Mill Street**

Joseph Alsworth  
William Blake  
William Constable  
Robert Ford  
Nathanial Gibbons  
George Green  
Thomas Pimm  
Richard Taylor  
Elizabeth Thatcher  
Fanny Thorley  
Thomas Whitlock

Grocer & Hardwareman  
Boot & Shoemaker  
Baker & Draper  
Grocer, Mealman & Beer-seller  
Tailor & Flour-dealer  
Basket Maker  
Baker  
Confectioner  
Clothier  
Milliner & Dressmaker  
Boot & Shoemaker

**Square**

Albert James Clark  
Thomas Wilkins

Boot & Shoemaker  
Saddler & Harness-maker

**High Street**

John Bowerman  
George Burden  
Charles Cantell  
Joseph Day  
James Gibbons

Butcher & Corndealer  
Blacksmith  
Tailor & Woollen-drapeer  
Nurseryman & Seedsman  
Draper & Grocer

**Carriers to Oxford**

Buckingham: Acre End St.  
Day: Newland St.

Knowling: Square

Mon., Wed., & Sat. 11.0 am  
Thurs. & Sat.  
To Witney Thurs. 10.30 am.  
Mon., Wed., Sat. 10.30 am  
To Witney Thurs.



Mr F. Harris came to tell us about his family's carrier business and kindly got permission for us from I.G. Wastie of Cumnor & District History Society to use this drawing of the Carrier's Cart.

## A SEVENTEENTH CENTURY SUPERMARKET - a Group Study

During our studies of shopping we thought about the beginnings of shops and markets and fairs of the Middle Ages and discovered that Eynsham was granted a Sunday market by King Stephen towards the middle of the twelfth century and so became a "market town". We are not able to deal with any very early documents but we did look at the Inventory of the goods of William James dated 1698. From his will we discovered that William James was a Tallow Chandler, a man who made and sold candles, but we also discovered that William James sold a lot of other things and we think he might have been the "Sawyers" of his day.

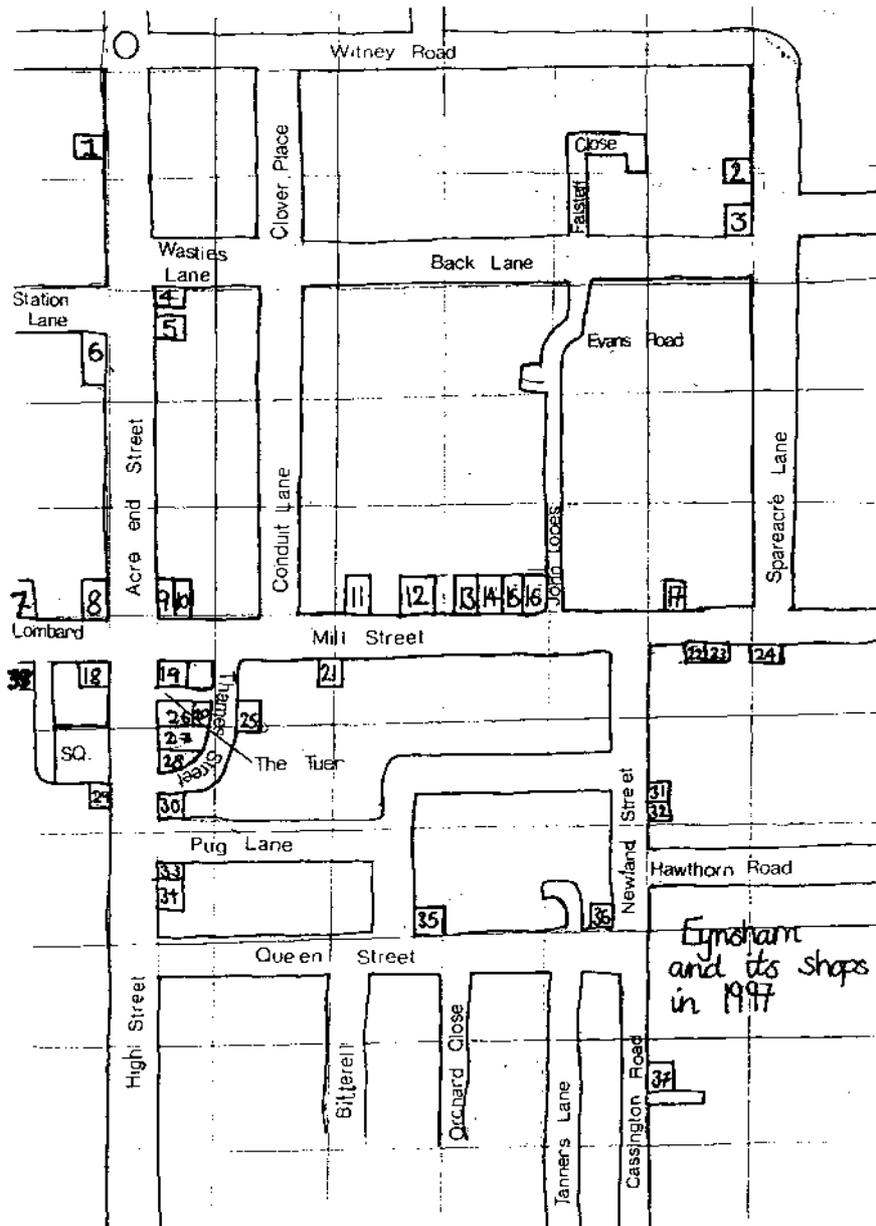
The handwriting of the Inventory is not easy to read but between the group we managed to work out some of the things which he had in his shop. Unfortunately we don't know where about in Eynsham he had his shop

We worked out that he had a work house where he made the candles from tallow and he also stored such things as brandy, sugar, aniseed, wine, tobacco and tobacco pipes there. In his shop he seemed to have a jumble of things. There were platters, basins, cups, noggins (mugs) and glasses; oatmeal, spice, brimstone and gunpowder. He also kept many things for ladies such as buttons, ribbons, trimmings and laces, thimbles, needles and threads, as well as nails and brushes. From the portion of the Inventory given below we wonder if you can work out, as we did, what was in his shop.

in of work house tallow & candles	14	5 0
for wafers, mullings tobacco & shingon	9	11 6
tobacco pipes, little mullat brandy one little mullat of aniseed & oughton wares	2	12 0
one brass furnace	1	2 0
five shillings		10 0
with a pinted <del>cup</del> platters & basins	1	5 0
as cups & noggins & glasses		8 3
oatmill		
buttons & silk gallons & other things	3	18 0
foural & rabis		
comes yinos wash-balls, glasses in fit		18 8
stay boxes laces		
by <del>with</del> & rolled threads with	2	5 8
threads & twist <del>in</del> threads		
thimbles & needles		
five		
rice, hampton starch gunpowder	0	19 8
nails, pitch & tar, oyle & soap	0	14 0
button & board tin	2	19 8
11 gofted Carr. bifames & bifames & laces	0	8 6
lithes wafon & boxes	4	0 7



## Eynsham in 1997



### Key to Map of Eynsham Shops 1997

- |                                   |                               |                           |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The Bean Bag                   | 13 Hairdressers               | 25. Peak's, general store |
| 2. Elaine's & Car Shop            | 14 Post Office                | 26. Abbey Properties      |
| 3. Spar, mini-market              | 15 Betting Shop               | 27. Laundrette            |
| 4. Janties, grocer & newsagent    | 16 Off Licence                | 28. Granary Tea shop      |
| 5. Lloyds Chemist                 | 17 Hairdresser                | 29. Red Lion Pub          |
| 6 Swan Inn                        | 18. Co-op                     | 30. Newsagents            |
| 7 Baker's Restaurant              | 19. Cat's Whiskers, gift shop | 31. Forge Flower shop     |
| 8 Jolly Sportsman Pub             | 20. Barber                    | 32. Restaurant            |
| 9 Halifax Building Society        | 21. Crown Prints              | 33. Car Repairs           |
| 10 Golby's Butcher Shop           | 22. Bicycle shop              | 34. Evenlode D.I.Y        |
| 11. Hole in the wall, greengrocer | 23. Television shop           | 35. Queen's Head          |
| 12. Talmage's, electrical goods   | 24. Chinese Take-away         | 36. Italian Restaurant    |
| 37. Newland Inn                   | 38. Oscars' Video Rental      |                           |

Whoa, milkman! Mrs Polly Clifton's [née Mary Christine Treadwell] father delivering milk in Mill Street. You would need your jug ready to go out to get the milk .

### **AN EYNHAM SHOPKEEPER OF TODAY.** by Alison Retz

Mr Robin Saunders is now a well-known figure in Eynsham. He is involved in many of the village activities and has a Do-it-Yourself shop in the High Street which he has owned for over 20 years. He first saw the shop on his journey to Heathrow Airport from Cheltenham en route to a holiday in New Zealand!

The owner who had the shop up for sale was Mr Blake Pullen (who incidentally features in another article). Mr Saunders bought the shop on his return from holiday and moved with his wife, Jackie, and their two daughters Tricia and Nicky to live in Eynsham in the old Police Station. An interesting challenge for a Do-It-Yourself man.

The Evenlode D.I.Y store sells all manner of things from plants, paints and tools to this very journal, which we very much appreciate. Although there is not quite such a range of items in this shop as there was in Mr Sawyer's there is still a feeling that you might come across a magic lamp on one of the shelves at the back.

In his "spare" time Mr Saunders has with Mr David Russell helped bring on and plant hundreds of trees around Eynsham; with Mr David Townsend and Mr Keith Green restarted the long-lost Eynsham Morris Team which now successfully dances at home and abroad and takes an interest in the Primary School. Mr Saunders' daughters were pupils at the school and now Mr Saunders is a School Governor. He also teaches the boys to form a Morris Team for our May celebrations.

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Previously it has been said that Mr Saunders would make an excellent stage Robin Hood and he has also been likened to Sir Galahad for his kind helpfulness but we are just happy to know him as a good shopkeeper and friend to the School.

### **MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER WAS INNOCENT! by Carla Colucci**

Benedetto Colucci was a good man. He lived in a small village in Italy called Sirignano. He worked as a forester. He was born in 1880. He married and had five children. One of them is my nono, (grandfather) he was called Carlo. Benedetto's wife was called Guispenna and his other children were called Michael, Maria, Angelina and Felicina.

One day, when he was in his thirties, something horrible happened to him and his family. Benedetto was in a mountain cabin when some people started to shoot into the cabin through the walls. Benedetto picked up a gun and shot through the door just for safety, but by accident he shot someone, and killed him. Benedetto was sent to prison for about five years. My Dad was named after my great grandfather and is called Bendetto. I am named after my nono.

Benedetto Colucci, Carla's great-grandfather

Carlo Colucci, b. 1919 - d. 1990  
Left Carla's grandfather in the War

## **FEEDBACK**

Recently we have had a couple of readers who have kindly contacted us to tell of things we had failed to discover in our delvings. We are very pleased to have such positive responses to our work. So many thanks to Mrs Pat Evans and Mr Ron Gardner, and his wife, Connie, who has been of help to us on a number of occasions

### **Chapel Yard**

Mrs P Evans' (née Ayres) family owned the cottages and farm in Chapel Yard. The house now occupied by Dr and Mrs Hyde and the house adjacent to it were part of the barns of the farm. The Primitive Methodist Chapel was at the top of this little road. Mrs Evans remembers living in the houses by the Rope Walk in Acre End Street. She also remembers a building between Acre End Street and the small red brick cottages in Clover Place being called the Barracks which she believes had been the Headquarters of the Salvation Army in Eynsham at one time. We would be pleased to hear from anyone else who has further information about this.

### **The Star Inn**

Mr Gardner's father Mr Alfred Gardner used to drive coach loads of Oxford University students to Burford to play cricket matches. On his way he would stop at The Star Inn to stable the four horses which had been used to get to Eynsham and change them for fresh ones to do the rest of the journey. On the way back he would again change horses at The Star. This, of course, meant that four good horses had to be kept at the stables at The Star. Mr Gardner only learnt this when his father was visiting him on one occasion and remarked the changes to the public house. Mr Gardner believes his father was driving for the Oxford Tramways Company.

## **OBITUARIES**

### **Mary Oakeley**

Sadly we have lost two friends recently. In December Mary Oakeley died suddenly at her home. She was for a number of years a governor of Eynsham Primary School. She was also a support to our Group. She came to talk to us and was always interested to ask the editor what we were doing. She helped us with some of our projects, particularly telling us about her experiences during World War II. She will be greatly missed.

### **Temperance Hawtin**

I wonder how often when we have wanted to know something about Eynsham's past we have said "We'll ask Auntie Tem", for this is how she was affectionately known. Temperance Hawtin was born on the 8th July 1904 and lived her life in Eynsham. She died on 19th February 1998. Our last publication "Do You Remember An Inn" had to be altered in production, as when we started it she was 92 but was 93 before we finished. Even when she wasn't feeling well she could be relied on for snippets of information which made all the difference to our research. She is another friend who will be sadly missed.