

## Unusual Find at Broumfield

**It is always good to hear stories from near and far telling fascinating facts about Borden Village and the wider Parish.** This story came to light right on our own doorstep, from Elaine Tuck the secretary of Borden Heritage Group.



Elaine and her family moved to Broumfield in the village in 1994 and found this unusual doll on the top of a dusty in-built cupboard. She had been left behind by a previous owner.

Elaine tells us, "The doll has 'made in Switzerland patents applied for' on her stomach. She has a china head, hands and boots. Every joint is articulated with a ball and socket mechanism which all work. Many years ago when I was watching 'Come Outside' with my daughter, there was a male doll just like her, and they said he was made in the 1920's. I've never seen anything like her

before. Perhaps a member recognises her or knows what she was used for? Toy / artist pose? did she have clothes?"

The previous owner of Broumfield visited them shortly after they moved in and told them all about the history of the house. She presented them with an apprentice's indenture which was featured in a previous newsletter together with lots of old records. Elaine intends to pass on the doll and the old records to the next owner of the house in the future.



## Borden Photos

### LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE SOON

High quality local photographs will soon be available to order in a variety of sizes.

Please look out for details in our Members Newsletter or website

[www.bordenheritage.org.uk](http://www.bordenheritage.org.uk)

## Diary 2013

**AGM** 16th November  
More information to follow.

**Visit to Borden Hall** 17th August  
(See article below)

## The committee

Eileen Harrison	Chair
Sue Brown	Treasurer
Elaine Tuck	Secretary
John Hepburn	Archivist
Keith Lainton	Member
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## Borden Hall Tour

Mrs and Mrs Hardy have kindly offered exclusively to the Heritage group a tour around Borden Hall.

This event will be for members only and will be limited to 25 people by ticket only.

The tour will take place on Saturday 17th August times to be confirmed. As tickets are limited they are available on a first come first served basis. Tickets will cost £2. If you are interested, please contact Eileen Harrison on 01795 479727



## Mystery Object

**Elaine Tuck our secretary would like some help on this mystery object.**

It was found in her back garden at Broumfield in June this year whilst digging in an area that had been covered in paving. Elaine says, "I think the ground had not been disturbed since the 1960's. Does anyone know what it is. It looks like the rear end of a ceramic whale!"

The top photograph shows a number stamped on to the piece which looks like 0697. If any of our members can identify this item Elaine would be pleased to hear from them. Via - [wrens\\_eileen@hotmail.com](mailto:wrens_eileen@hotmail.com)



## Borden Fete

We were pleased to welcome many members to our stall at the fete in June. We had quite a battle with the wind on the day but everyone rallied round to ensure we had an interesting display that stayed put!

There was a lot of interest in the photographs of previous fetes on the Playstool, the last one being in the 70's. Many visitors remembered these fetes fondly and had plenty of stories to tell.

Grateful thanks are given to Sarah Smith and her family who gave us a donation of £65, which they raised by encouraging the fete goers to hook a duck, throw a hoopla ring or buy a cake. We also thank members Wendy, Lynda, Edna and Pam who supported the committee by stewarding the exhibit.

We welcomed 7 new members to our list. A great day was had by all.

