

# The Local Museum.

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*Exhibited by Mr. Hugh Norris.*

British Coin found on "Stoodham," in South Petherton.

Rare two-looped Bronze Celt, found at South Petherton: mentioned by Dr. J. Evans in his *Ancient Bronze Implements*, p. 96.

Single-looped Celt, from South Petherton.

Pewter Sepulchral Chalice, found in a grave in South Petherton Church.

Seal of Hugo de Pencriz, dug up in the exhibitor's garden. For reference to this Canon of Wells, see *Droknensford's Register* (Som. Rec. Soc.), pp. 48, 57, etc., etc. He was deprived of his stall and his goods sequestrated, Dec. 1320.

Mediæval Spur dug up near South Petherton.

Shield-shaped Head Ornament for a horse, bearing a gilded butterfly on a red enamelled ground (the Audley badge) found in a well at Over Stratton, in South Petherton.

Sword used at the Battle of Worcester, in 1651, by a Mr. Anstice, of South Petherton.

*Lieut.-Colonel John Lilbourne's account of the Battle of Langport, July 10th, 1645.* A Civil War tract, published by authority of the Parliament, a week after the fight.

Bag or Purse of coloured bead-work, with motto, "LOVE ME, FOR I AM THINE. 1631."

Two 17th Century South Petherton Tradesmen's Tokens—"Edmond Anstie" and "John Willy."

Six Prints of old houses in South Petherton—"Court

House," "Vaux's House;" Bruton Abbey Manor House, called the "Old Rectory;" old houses in Chepe Street and Tower; The "Crown" Yard, The "Bell" Inn; from *The Ladies' Pictorial*, August 1st, 1891.

Old "Slicking" Stone, used for smoothing the surface of dowlas whilst in the loom. Dowlas weaving was a South Petherton industry in the last century.

Brace of Pistols, Cutlass, and Boarding Axe or "Toma-hawk," used in 1794, at the sieges of Bastia and Calvi, by Mr. Thomas Edmonds, a South Petherton man, who was Nelson's Lieutenant on board the *Agamemnon* at the time. He was the exhibitor's grandfather, and his services on the occasion are referred to in the *Life of Lord Nelson*, by Clarke and McArthur, pp. 183, 189, 4to edition, 1809.

Water-colour Drawings by Newberry, of "King Ina's Palace," South Petherton, before its restoration; and of the entrance to Ford Abbey.

Finely preserved Bronze Torque, found in a field called "Summerleaze," close to the Foss-way on Chillington Down, in 1866. (*Vide* new 6-in. Ordnance Map, Somerset, sheet No. lxxxviii, S.E.)

Palæolithic Flint (or Red Chert) Weapon, from Broome, near Axminster.

A "Calumet," or Pipe of Peace, once belonging to a celebrated American Indian chief, named "Red Thunder," or "Red Jacket." A portrait of "Red Jacket," so called from his wearing an old military coat, is given in Catlin's *North American Indians*, vol. ii, p. 105. This pipe was given, sixty or seventy years ago, by the chief to a stock broker in New York, who had to pay the Government subsidies to the retiring natives. From his family it came direct into the family of the exhibitor.

Iron Pike-head, found in the bed of the river at Lyme Regis.

Merchant's Seal (Thos. Nuce), found in the churchyard at Lyme Regis.

*Exhibits relating to the Period of Monmouth's Rebellion, by Mr. Hugh Norris.*

Deed dated 7th May, 1680, bearing the signature of George Speke, the Duke of Monmouth's friend and supporter. This is a lease for lives, of a tenement called "The Wynnard's House," and lands adjoining, in South Petherton, to one John Vile, granted by Mr. George Speke and his son John, to be holden of his manor of Hurcot and Seavenhampton (Seavington). Collinson, vol. i, p. 67, tell us that Sir John Speke, grandson of the first Speke of Whitelackington, married Joan, daughter and heir of John Winard, Esq., and it is but fair to presume that the "Wynnard's House" of the above lease was part of her property.

*Official account of the Trial of Laurence Braddon and Hugh Speke, in A.D. 1683, for a libel insinuating that Chas. II, and his brother, the Duke of York, were privy to the murder of the Earl of Essex in 1683.* The above pamphlet accounts for Hugh Speke not having been concerned in the Monmouth troubles. Jeffreys and his fellow Judge, Wythins, having sent their prisoner to gaol, he had not been freed at the date of the rebellion.

*An Historical Account of the Heroick Life of James, Duke of Monmouth, by S.T., 1683.* Written for the purpose of prepossessing the people in favour of the Duke, prior to his intended movements later on, *i.e.* in 1685.

*A plain Sermon, preached to a Country Congregation in the beginning of the late Rebellion in the West, by Vin. Owen, Vicar of Mountstow, Salop.* Published 20th July, 1685, in consequence of the preacher having been denounced as a Papist for taking a loyal view of matters. In order to defend his position, Mr. Owen preached the same sermon *on the following Sunday*, and got it printed immediately thereafter.

*An account of what passed at the Execution of the late Duke of Monmouth, on Wednesday, the 15th July, 1685, on Tower Hill.* The official account, ratified by the Bishops of Ely and

Bath and Wells, by the two Sheriffs, and others, in order to satisfy the public.

*Original, Special Royal Pardon, dated March 20th, 1686, of Edmund Prideaux, Esq., of Ford Abbey, after having been unjustly fined £15,000 by Jeffreys. An account of this pardon, and of the proceedings leading up to it, will be found in Roberts's Life, etc., of James, Duke of Monmouth, vol. ii, p. 253 et seq., and in A History of Ford Abbey, by "M.A.," p. 56 et seq.*

Sword used at Sedgmoor fight, by a rebel officer named Anstice, of South Petherton.

Pipe Bowls, Button, etc., found at Sedgmoor.

*An account of the Proceedings against the Rebels, and other Prisoners, tried before the Lord Chief Justice Jeffries and other Judges in the West of England in 1685, for taking arms under the Duke of Monmouth. London, 1716.*

*By Lieut.-Col. Bramble.*

A very interesting series of rubbings of typical Monumental Brasses, of the following periods:—*Circa 1280, Sir Roger de Trumpington, Trumpington Church, Cambridgeshire; 1310, Sir Richard de Buslingthorpe, a demi figure, Buslingthorpe, Hants; 1325, Sir John Creke and wife, Westley Waterless, Oxon; 1368, Sir Thos. Cheyne, Drayton Beauchamp, Bucks; 1375, Sir Wm. Cheyne, Drayton Beauchamp, Bucks; 1438, Sir Richard Dixton, Cirencester; 1457, Sir John Harpeden, Westminster Abbey; c. 1465, a Knight; 1480, Sir Anthony de Grey, St. Alban's Abbey; 1516, Sir Thos. Broke and wife, Ewelme, Oxon; 1527, Sir John Radcliffe and wife, Crowthwaite, Camb.; 1538, Sir Thos. Bullen, Earl of Ormond, Hever, Kent; c. 1560, Knight and Lady; c. 1600, Knight and Lady.*

*By the Crewkerne Grammar School.*

Deed relating to lands in Crewkerne, 1341, 14th Edw. III.  
Deeds relating to lands as Pilsdon, called Templands, 1377,

49th Edward III, and 1416, 3rd Henry V. Four old Deeds tacked together, 1426, 4th Henry VI. A Feoffment of Robert Pysing to John Lord Poulett and others, of lands in Crewkerne, Combe, and Merriott, formerly John Combe's the founder, 6th April, 1630. Mr. Husseye's Deed to Mr. Wm. Hodges; Feoffment of School House, 23rd June, 1652. Sir Richard Vyvian for the Church House and 8th part thereof to the School of Crewkerne (grant for 3,000 years), 6th May, 1665. The Feoffment of Mr. Francis Poulett, Esq. (*sic*), and Mr. Roger Cossins of the Greene Dragon and other lands in Crewkerne St. Regn: "et Meryot w<sup>ch</sup> were the inheritance of Mag Joh Coomb ffounder of Crkerñ School," 1st Dec., 1668. Deed of Feoffment of Mansion and Dwelling-house in Carter Street, Crewkerne, 25th Aug., 1675, 27th Charles II. Old feoffment of John Hody, Esq., and others, to John Lord Paulett, Baron of Hinton St. George, of all the School lands, 25th Feb., 1703, 2nd Anne. Book of Accounts and Orders, 1610—1740. Account of Old Chief Rents, 1732—1753.

*By Mr. James P. Daniel, of South Petherton.*

Two 17th century Beakers, formerly used in administering "The Ordnance" at the Presbyterian chapel in South Petherton; *vide Proc. Soc. Antiq. of London*, 21st June, 1888; where engravings of these cups are given.

Curious Ivory Tobacco Stopper, with motto, "THE . FAYREST . MAYD . THAT . DID . BAYR . LIFE . FOR . LOVE . TO MAN . BECAME . A . 1672 . WIFE."

Inlaid Tobacco Box, 1683.

Handsome Tortoiseshell and Silver Ladies' Patch-box.

Old Steel Halberd Head.

*By Rev. Robert P. Billing, of Lopen.*

Old Saxon Sword Blade, found at Hod Hill, near Blandford. The late C. Roach Smith mentions this find in his *Collectanea*.

Two Pikes, made for the defence of Hinton House in the Civil War. Purchased at the late Earl Poulett's sale.

By Colonel Sawyer, of Hinton St. George.

Seventeenth century Dutch banker's or money changer's Scales and Weights.

English Coins found in the garden of "St. George's House," Hinton.

Curious Carved and Painted Panel — "David anointed King."

Old Dutch illustrated *History of the Bible*, with engravings by Nicholas Vischer.

Small Gold Medal, bearing on its obverse the portrait of the infant King of Rome, and on the reverse, heads of Napoleon I and the Empress Marie Louise. On the birth of his son, the Emperor gave a similar medal to each of his Ambassadors. The Baron von Westreenen van Theemat, Colonel Sawyer's grandfather, was Ambassador at the Court of Sweden in the time of Bernadotte, and this was his medal, which has descended to the present owner.

By Mr. H. B. Barr, Mayor of Colyford.

The old (14th century) *Iron Mace* of the Borough of Colyford; one of the rarest municipal relics in the West of England. This identical mace is mentioned by Stukeley in his *Itineraria Curiosa—Iter. vi*, 2nd ed., p. 160; and also in the *Proc. Soc. Antiq. of London*, for June, 1891.

By Major Sparks.—Grant of Arms to Robert Haydon of Cadhay, Devon, by Wm. Camden, 1604. Genealogye of the Worshipful Robert Haydon of Cadhay, Devon, 1604. Brass-bound intricately constructed Treasure Chest, probably 18th century; and some views of places of interest in Crewkerne and the neighbourhood.

By the Rev. E. L. Penny, D.D., R.N.—Water-colour Drawings of the old Parsonage and Grammar School, Crewkerne; Knowle St. Giles, Chaffcombe, Wayford, and Misterton Churches.

*By Mr. F. Mitchell.*—Bulla of Pope Martin VIII. Buck's view of Ford Abbey, 1734; and some other views in the locality.

*By Capt. Blake.*—Three leaves from the Manor Court Roll of Plainsfield, Over Stowey, 1596—1624.

*By Mr. G. S. Jolliffe.*—Grant of Arms, 1708, to George Hilborne, Esq., of Kingsdon, Somerton.

*By Mr. W. B. Sparks.*—Jewel Casket, 17th century.

*By Mr. Wm. George.*—Cast of the Seal of St. Catherine's Hospital, Bristol, 1434.

*By Major D. A. Donne.*—A curious collection of Vases, Painted and Gilded Masks in *terra cotta*; portions of Funerary Deities in wood, and other fragments, excavated in 1889 from a tomb of the time of the 12th Dynasty in the Necropolis of Siene (Assouan).

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