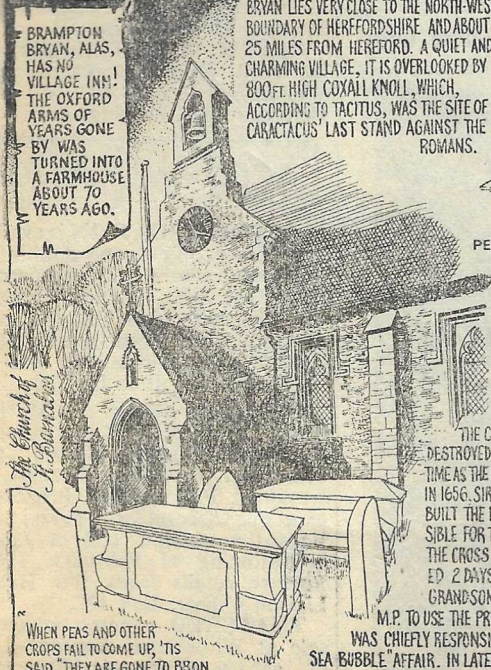


# BRAMPTON BRYAN

BRAMPTON BRYAN, ALAS, HAS NO VILLAGE INN! THE OXFORD ARMS OF YEARS GONE BY WAS TURNED INTO A FARMHOUSE ABOUT 70 YEARS AGO.

THE VILLAGE OF BRAMPTON BRYAN LIES VERY CLOSE TO THE NORTH-WEST BOUNDARY OF HEREFORDSHIRE AND ABOUT 25 MILES FROM HEREFORD. A QUIET AND CHARMING VILLAGE, IT IS OVERLOOKED BY 800 FT. HIGH COXALL KNOLL, WHICH, ACCORDING TO TACITUS, WAS THE SITE OF CARACACUS' LAST STAND AGAINST THE ROMANS.

*The Church of St. Barnabas*



WHEN PEAS AND OTHER CROPS FAIL TO COME UP, 'TIS SAID, THEY ARE GONE TO BRON FAIR! 'BRON, THE LOCAL NAME FOR BRAMPTON BRYAN TO THIS DAY WAS WRITTEN SUCH IN DOMESDAY. ee BRON FAIR, WITH ITS PONY SALES, IS HELD EACH YEAR ABOUT JUNE 21st.



IN 1927, RICHARD DAVIES, A FARM LABOURER, RECEIVED THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S BRONZE MEDAL FOR SERVING 51 YEARS ON ONE FARM!

THE EARLY CASTLE, HELD BY SIR BRIAN DE BRAMPTON WAS REBUILT BY SIR ROBERT HARLEY, FOLLOWING HIS MARRIAGE IN 1509 TO MARGARET, THE BRAMPTON HEIRESS. DURING THE CIVIL WAR, THE CASTLE WAS BESIEGED FOR 6 WEEKS, BUT GALLANTLY HELD BY LADY BRILLIANA HARLEY. UNFORTUNATELY SHE SOON DIED, AND A YEAR LATER THE ROYALISTS RETURNED AND BURNED THE CASTLE DOWN. THE RUINS STILL STAND IN THE GROUNDS OF THE ELEGANT BRAMPTON BRYAN HALL, THE PRIVATE HOME OF THE PRESENT HARLEY—MR. CHRISTOPHER HARLEY.

On top of Coxall Knoll is a 'FROGSTONE'. There are only three in the country, it is said, and they were used for sacrificing young maidens!!



Edward Harley, son of the first Earl of Oxford, was a writer. He died in 1711, was buried in Poets Corner in Westminster Abbey, and the now famous Harley's was so named in his honour.

## HARLEY STREET

## HEREFORD

THE CHURCH WAS DESTROYED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE CASTLE, BUT IN 1656, SIR ROBERT HARLEY, LADY BRILLIANA'S HUSBAND, BUILT THE PRESENT ONE. AS AN M.P. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TAKING DOWN OF CHARING CROSS AND THE CROSS AT CHEAPSIDE. THE CHURCH WAS FINISHED 2 DAYS BEFORE HIS DEATH. SIR ROBERTS GRANDSON, 1st. EARL OF OXFORD, WAS THE FIRST

M.P. TO USE THE PRESS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, AND WAS CHIEFLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISASTROUS "SOUTH SEA BUBBLE" AFFAIR. IN LATER LIFE HE COMPILED A COLLECTION OF MANUSCRIPTS—NOW KNOWN AS THE HARLEIAN COLLECTION—WHICH ARE WORLD FAMOUS, & TREASURED BY THE BRITISH MUSEUM.



*My dog's bone! Your dog drive my dog home, Say the bells of Brampton!*

BELL JINGLE