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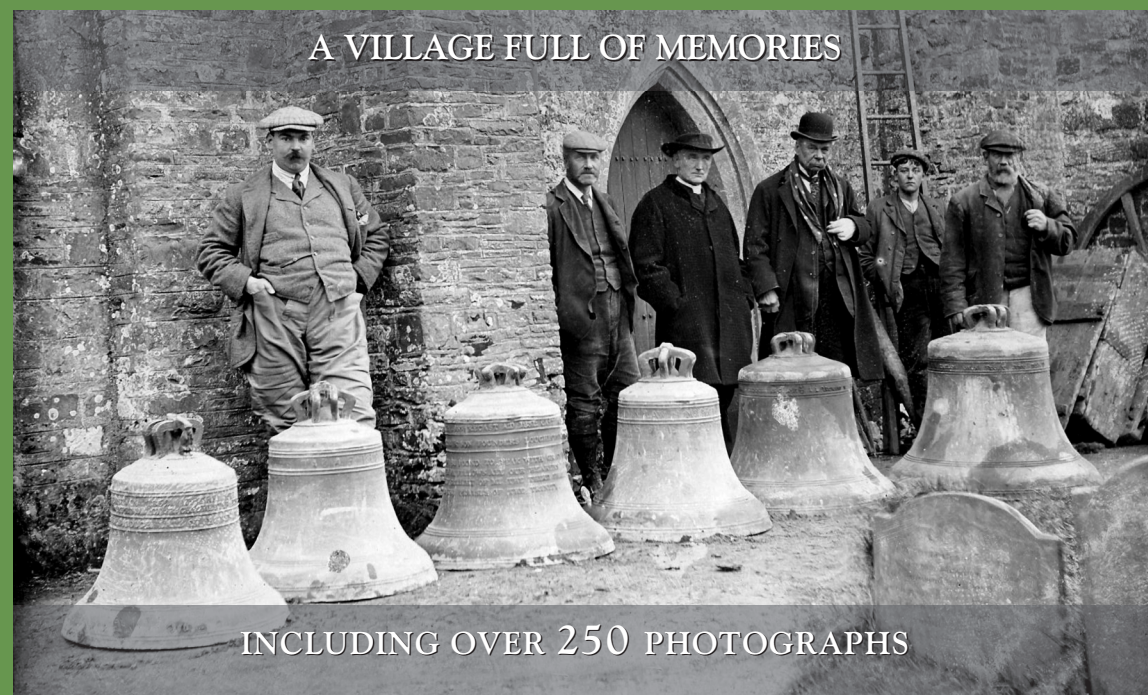
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THE AUTHORS

In 2011, a group of Bishops Tawton ladies undertook a project to find out about the history of the parish. This started off as a small oral history project but due to the willingness and generosity of so many people led to a fascinating collection of histories, photographs and memories. In 2012 an exhibition of the collection was held with over 600 people visiting. There were many subsequent requests to preserve and share the material in a book. Three of the group accepted the challenge!

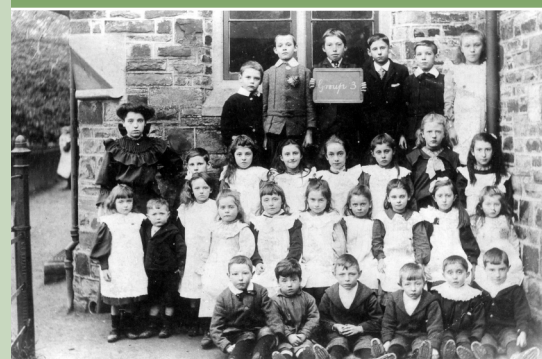
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Above right: Refreshments at Whitemoor Farm, 2004.



Right: Morrish the Builders, 1930s.



Far right: Dick Copp and Maggie delivering the milk, 1960s.

Left: The late Francis Taylor aged 91.

Below: Bishops Tawton Badminton Club.

