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DORCHESTER CENTURY

FASCINATING GLIMPSES OF OLD AND NEW
DORCHESTER HIGHLIGHTING THE CHANGING
FACE OF THE TOWN OVER A HUNDRED YEARS

Steve Wallis

This book tells the story of Dorchester and its surrounding area through the twentieth century, using photographs old and new to illustrate the important places and events, and the changes that have occurred.

During that period Dorchester has remained the county town of Dorset, but has changed from what was principally the market town of an ancient rural landscape that was portrayed by Thomas Hardy, into a tourist centre in its own right and a base for exploring the nearby coast and countryside. Nevertheless, the town is still embedded in its history, and many historic features mix with more modern facilities. The townsfolk have become increasingly aware and proud of that history and the twentieth century was a time when Dorchester and its surrounds have been at the centre of archaeological research and development, with the great importance of the prehistoric archaeology of the area in particular being increasingly recognised.



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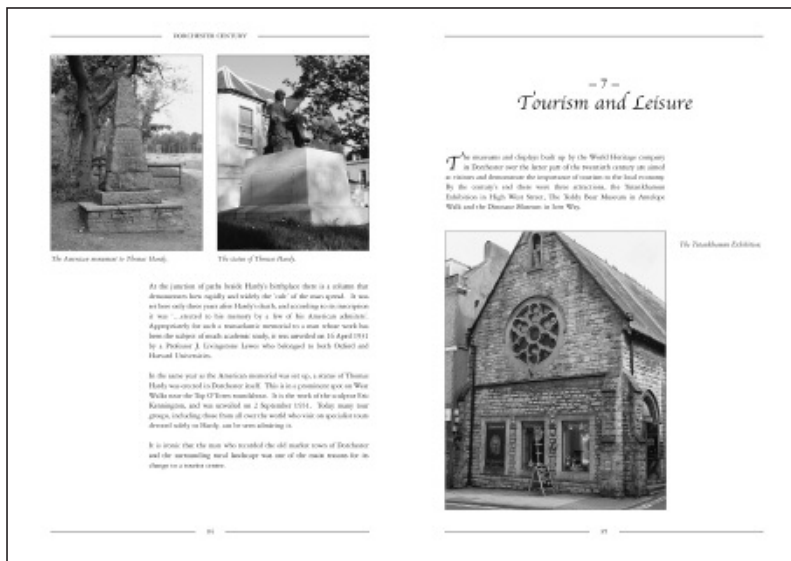
Above: A view down High East Street with the Kings Arms on the left, c.1911. Courtesy Dorset Local History Centre



Right: St Mary's, Charminster; showing the right of way along the Cerne.



Dorset County Museum.



Example of a double page spread.



Early-twentieth-century workers outside Lott & Walne.

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