

A HAIR-RAISING STORY

A visitor to Shipton last summer was a lady from Australia whose childhood was spent at The Buildings, Burford Road. Born Edith Dale, she became Mrs Evans (her husband played soccer for Wolverhampton Wanderers) and they emigrated to Australia where they ran a very successful catering business.

Some time after Mr Evans had died, she retired from business and in 1977, finding time on her hands, she remembered an episode in her youth in Milton when, at the age of 16, she had become completely bald after a bout of 'flu. A gypsy encamped nearby persuaded her mother to use a lotion compounded of 16 herbs from their garden and the surrounding countryside, which he showed them how to brew and, after 6 weeks' treatment, she again had a healthy head of hair. Mrs Evans started to experiment with the Romany brew on her kitchen stove and, after having tried it out successfully with several friends, she found that demand grew to such an extent that she was unable to cope with the quantities needed. She finally sold the worldwide rights to manufacture and market 'The Original Ma Evans Herbal Hair Tonic' to an Australian company for more than 1 million dollars.

Mrs Evans, now Mrs Davidson, is still actively engaged in the business, promoting sales worldwide and appearing on TV and radio in the USA, Canada, New Zealand, the Far East and of course Australia.

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..... The Bishop of Dorchester will make his first visit to Milton Church on 5 April at 6 pm to preach and to lead a Service of Thanksgiving & Dedication in connection with the Christian Stewardship Campaign. There will be a full report of all that has happened later, but meanwhile there is much to be thankful for. Much hard work; thoughtful responses given; the sense of doing something for the Lord; the fellowship in love and prayer of other people.

The times of service on Easter Sunday are as follows:- at Shipton there is H.C. (Rite A from ASB) at 8.30 am with Mattins at 11 am and H.C. (Prayer Book) at noon. At Milton there is the Parish Communion at 9.30 am and at Fifield there is H.C. with hymns at 11.00 a.m.

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