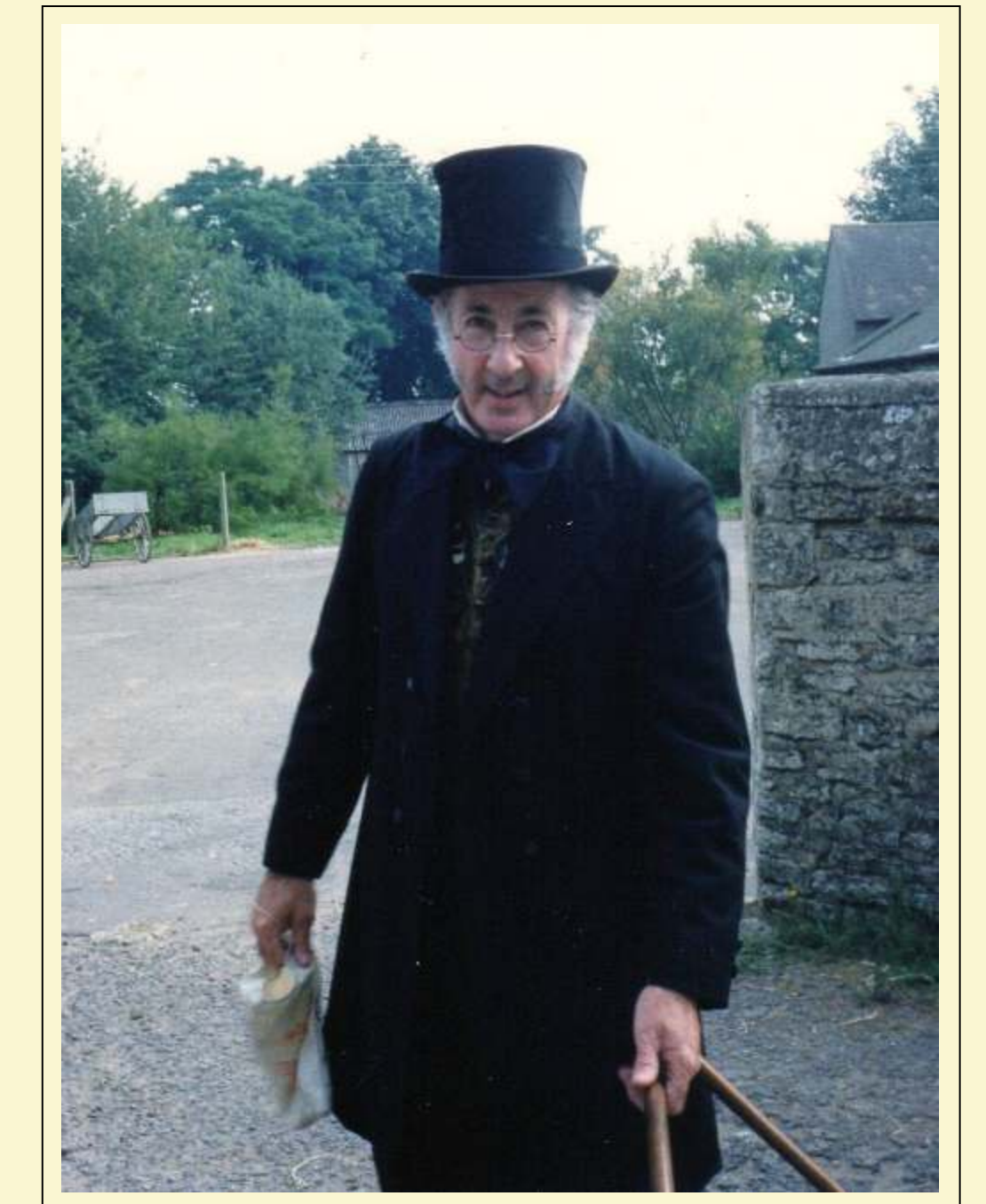


# THE EDWARDIAN FAIR: 1



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After a lull of 6 years, in September 1986 another Fair was held, this time with a different theme - the Edwardian era.

This was a much bigger affair and it was anticipated that 5000 people from Steeple Aston and the surrounding villages would attend.

Again, an enthusiastic group of villagers planned a full programme. The event was widely advertised, offering covered market stalls to rent for £15 for any use which would contribute to the period atmosphere.

The fair opened with a concert in the church on the Friday evening which featured the Nicholas Wind Quintet and the Edwardian Singers, who were members of the Oxford Operatic Society. On the Saturday, there was a large variety of stalls and attractions, including a Brass Band, Hot Air Balloon, Arts and Crafts Stalls and Punch and Judy. This was followed by two performances of an Old Fashioned Music Hall with supper on the Sunday and Monday evenings hosted by Colin Mead.

More than £2000 was raised during a very successful weekend.

WI Stall: Sheila Side, Hanny Nicholson and Mary Raines



Lesley Hunter



Simon Harrison

