



BURFORD TOLSEY MUSEUM & ARCHIVE

Thank you for giving us the permission to use your images free of charge. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and we will be very happy to acknowledge yourselves as being the source.

The image of the stained glass window is perfect for our needs, but the condensed copy extracts from your new publication, is the cherry on top of the cake for us. The information is so interesting and informative, – thank you so much for your kind thoughts.

I am attaching a couple of images of our pattens, and I should be in a position to send you better copies in the future as they are due to be re-photographed,. The explanatory details shown against them in the museum reads as follows.

‘Pattens were worn almost exclusively by women, as they did their jobs around the dairy and farm-yard where their shoes might otherwise get wet and dirty.

These wooden platforms were raised up on a ring of iron, and were strapped to their own shoes, keeping the wearer’s own shoes out of the mud or wet.

This pair were used at Upton Farm, Burford and worn by Mrs Clark when she helped Mrs Wyatt with the washing’.

If you are able to add any further information that is relevant to our exhibits it would be gratefully received. (As a complete aside, adjoining the Upton Farm land is Kits Quarry from where Christopher Kempton supplied much of the limestone for building St Paul’s Cathedral. It was taken by horse and cart to the relatively nearby Thames where it was loaded onto barges and floated down the river to the City).

Through Assistant Steve Huxham, the Master had made the thoughtful suggestion that we should arrange to visit the Museum at some stage, and that we would be happy to present them with a complimentary copy of our History Book, Out of the Mud, to go with the pattens.

The Museum responded - we greatly appreciate the kind and generous offer made by your Master Commodore Pat Tyrell OBE, that I have passed on to our chairman, Brigadier Clendon Daukes, who is absolutely delighted and I know will be writing to thank your Master.

The Master commented - I worked with Brigadier Clendon in the MoD and even went on an official visit to the Soviet Union with him!