

# Old Catton Coronation Jugs



A public meeting was held on May 5<sup>th</sup> 1902 to discuss how Old Catton would celebrate the coronation of King Edward VII. Among those forming a committee to make the necessary arrangements were W. E. Badcock, overseer and A. W. Badcock Chairman of the Parish Council. Item 4 of the Minutes of the meeting of the committee held after the public meeting states "On the motion of Mr Gee and seconded by Mrs Overbury a special memento be prepared in the form of a small jug or beaker of an exclusive design and to be presented as a gift to the head of each household, extra copies to be obtainable on payment of cost price".

## Committee meeting on 16th May 1902

Mr Hartcup promised to see Mrs W. C. Gee relative the jugs on the motion of Miss Buxton seconded by Mr W. E. Badcock everybody keeping servants living outside the parish should pay full cost.

## Committee meeting on 2nd June 1902

Proposed by Mr W. J. Hartcup seconded by Rev. Walsh that Mr W. C. Gee give order for 3 Gross [144 jugs], application for extra copies to be sent to him. *The celebration was subsequently postponed due to the King's illness.*

## Committee meeting of 22nd July 1902

Proposed by Mr Hartcup seconded by Mr H Carter that the jugs be given to the head of each household in Catton on the day of the festivities and S. G. Buxton esq. or Mrs Buxton be asked to present them. *[There are 16 pages of the names of each person receiving a jug].*





The celebrations were held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 1902 in Catton Park at the invitation of Mr Buxton. A report of the festivities states "Before the company separated each head of a household was presented with a coronation jug of special design. On the front was a medallion of the King with the initials ER above and the words coronation 1902 beneath, whilst each side of the vessel bore two medallions of the cat and the tun being the rebus of the village". This report also lists the winner of the sports competition.

#### **Committee meeting 1st September 1902**

Jugs - the question was discussed as to the extra ones required. Mr Hartcup promised to write to Mr W. C. Gee and report at the next meeting.

#### **Committee meeting 3rd November 1902**

Mr Hartcup reported that Mr Gee refused to procure any further jugs. *The committee was dissolved at this meeting.*

We are genuinely grateful to Judy Leggett for providing this account. This article is from extracts from a book held by the Norfolk Records office. *"I was especially interested as A W Badcock was my grandfather and W E Badcock was my great grandfather both were blacksmiths".*