

REVIEWS

A SHORT HISTORY OF SHINFIELD:
P. J. JEFFERIES, 32 pp. 1971, 50p.

This is a brief but distinguished addition to the parish histories of Berkshire. It traces Shinfield's history from prehistoric times to the present century, has a list of manuscript and printed sources for that history and has seven short appendices that include extracts from documents. Main points for the story have been neatly selected and local happenings are related to national affairs. This History was published by St. Mary's Parochial Church Council to mark the Shinfield 900th Anniversary Celebrations, and that body is to be congratulated on this enlightened way of marking the event.

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WINDSOR AS IT WAS: *A Selection of Photographs* by MAITLAND UNDERHILL. *Hendon Publishing Co. Ltd.* 1972. 48p.

This work consists of one page of introduction followed by 58 black and white illustrations each with a sentence or two of explanation. The majority are photographs of events or objects; some are photographs of paintings. Given the modest price the standard of these illustrations is good, and where they are less clear the fault would seem to lie with the original. It covers mainly the last hundred years, and should have an immediate appeal to those who live in or know their Windsor. It is to be hoped that sometime a genuine Illustrated History of Windsor will be produced, for the

illustrations here give a sample of the wealth of material that is available.

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A VILLAGE IN THE TOWN, READING'S FIRST CONSERVATION AREA: F. C. PADLEY. 21 pp. 1973.

This is an entertaining little essay on the area between Watlington Street and Eldon Road, Reading, mainly as it was in the early years of this century. The writer, F. C. Padley, has lived there all this life and writes from personal knowledge. Works of this kind can become very important to future historians, as witness the case of *Reading Seventy Years Ago*. But it also gives nostalgic pleasure to those who knew a Reading fast disappearing. It is hoped that Mr Padley will commit more of his recollections to paper. There are 3 pp. of photographs.

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WATER RAISING BY ANIMAL POWER:
HUGO BRUNNER and J. KENNETH MAJOR. 34 pp. 1972.

This is an offprint from a Journal, *Industrial Archaeology*, but it has been given an attractive cover and can stand as a pamphlet in its own right. It consists of 7 pp of general matter followed by a Gazetteer of Sites of donkey or horse wheels known in 1972. Both style and line-drawings are admirably clear and there are ten well-chosen plates. This is obviously an interim publication, and it will be interesting to see how many more such wheels are located during the next few years. Seven Berkshire sites are listed

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