

DVD Interview of Mrs Hilary Thrupp (48 ½ minutes)

- Part 1 – 6.15 minutes - Tales of Casper and the leopard, and the water buffalo
- Part 2 – 6.16 minutes - Fruit farming in Suffolk and the laundrette in Andover
Moved to a small bungalow at Uplands (now the Well House), Wherwell in 1958. then to the Malt House in 1970 and on to Gavel Barn in 1982.
Secretary to Wherwell Playing Fields Association for 14 years, on the Parish Council for 16 years and served on the PCC for a period when meetings were held in Wherwell Priory.
In the time of the Vicar Russell Chapman attended church at Longparish and formed a new choir there. Returned to Wherwell and ran the church choir for 20 years.
Hilary and Casper exercised Charles Liddell's horses.
Elizabeth Tate, from whom they bought the Malt House, taught her how to make quilts and from 1982 she took classes twice a week in quilt making for 25 years.
- Part 3 – 1.32 minutes - In 1956/7 opened a very successful laundrette in London street, Andover and lived above the shop. Moved to Wherwell in 1958.
- Part 4 – 6.08 minutes - Henry Carter, estate worker, lived at Freelands Cottages.
Made hurdles in Paddock where Mill Close now stands. Was attacked in the head by owls by Freelands on his way home from choir practice one night. (Mike Gee remembers barn owls on the common.
Tommy Sandon, who had a deformed back, was their gardener at Malt House.
- Part 5 – 2.12 minutes - Mr Budd gardened for them when they had an allotment at Uplands.
- Part 6 – 10.17 minutes - The 20th Century Stores when run by Brian and Lydia Knight.
Hilary's last job was as a secretary to the Director of Studies at Sandhurst.
Anecdotes about King Hussein and the Sovereign's Parade.
Tales of Casper who was a member of the Windsor and Newton family.
- Part 7 – 5.16 minutes - Trip to Chelsea barracks to sing with a choir formed for the occasion by Dr Lloyd Davies of Goodworth Clatford.
Playing field fete and Casper's gambling game of the mouse and boxes.
The mouse went to Mike Gee's brother.
- Part 8 – 4.15 minutes - Renewal of driving licences in 1946. and cold call phone calls.
- Part 9 – 6.38 minutes - The site of Gavel Acre and Gavel Barn and Andrew Baker.
Horses to help the loads up the hill.
The Battenbury's at Gavel Acre, conversion of the barn to a dwelling in 1960 and the building of Gavel House.
Teachers at Gavel Acre.
A silly verse each from Hilary and Mike.