

The Morrison Collection

Work is still ongoing on cataloguing this huge collection from the late Jean Morrison, a local historian, folklorist, collector and former schoolteacher from Bratton. Mrs Morrison collected items of local significance including sheep bells, **children's toys, catalogues of the Reeves agricultural machinery company, kitchen items and even clay pipes dating back to 17th-century makers. Jean's greatest**

passion, however, was clothing and accessories and these form the bulk of the collection, ranging from **parasols, hats, and splendid silk Victorian dresses to doll's clothes,** bloomers and babies bindings. There is a very extensive range of lace,

both machine and handmade, some of which is very rare, and a colourful and intricately decorated collection of purses and evening bags.



Victorian Clothing

A gorgeous blue silk boy's dress



A clay pipe, a glass cat and a **"Trowbridge"** horse brass, show the variety of objects that Jean Morrison collected in her lifetime.





Early C20th Dress

The real strength of the Morrison Collection is clothing. Although it is still undergoing cataloguing, many treasures such as this **purple silk 1920's "Flapper" dress** evoking the "aesthetic movement" have already been discovered.

