## AN IMPRESSION OF VISITS TO BROMPTON REGIS

Over 15 years ago, my wife and I arrived at Dulverton Railway Station, strangers in a strange land, even though we were experienced travellers. We felt bewildered after being deposited on the platform of this old world country station. As we stood there, we felt an air of peace, serenity and beauty all around us, so vastly different from what we were so used to.

We were met by the farmer and his children with a real and hearty welcome and well remember our arrival at the farm at Brompton Regis, again being welcomed so nicely by our hostess; thus any doubts that still lingered in our minds, then quickly vanished After this, one can realise how true is the old saying that first impressions remain. This is proved by us making so many visits to Brompton Regis.

We feel that the village has an old world charm about it, typical of the County of Somerset. The village Church of St. Mary the Virgin towers over the neighbouring houses and buildings, standing as a guardian sentry over the past and present.

During our numerous visits we have been to many interesting places around and on several occasions visits have been made to many old churches, the architecture, ancient monuments and the history of these grand old edifices were at times deeply moving and breathtaking; all this being profoundly interesting.

We call the local residents our friends, who make us so welcome when we meet, and their cheeriness and greetings are a real tonic, so vastly different from the turmoil of town life.

May this atmosphere continue and your lovely countryside and all it contains, prosper, and our visits continue.