

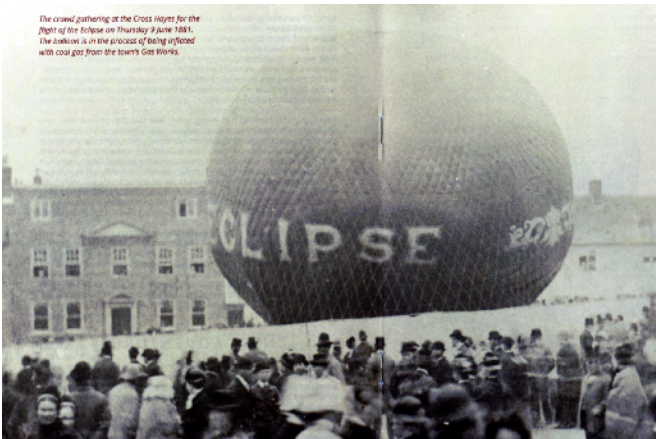


Minor Message series 3 no. 13 Malmesbury Virtual Carnival Procession

My partner Sharon Nolan is Chair of the Council of Athelstan Museum, Malmesbury. The Museum's entry for the 2020 Virtual Carnival Procession, a spoof "Malmesbury through the Ages", won first prize and my Traveller was used to transport some of the props. Left to right: Deborah Clogg as Elmer, the Flying Monk; me, as Bishop Aldhelm; Bridget Robison as a Roman woman hiding a coin hoard; Tabitha Hope as Mary Bartholomew; Sharon as the wife of Malmesbury



MP Walter Powell - he was lost in a balloon flight over the Channel in 1881; Janet Casselden as a Malmesbury witch (she was also the moving force behind the entry). Thanks to Chris Juson for hosting the recording in her garden and to her husband Keith for his video and post-production skills. You can view the virtual carnival procession [here](#).



The photos above show one of Walter Powell's balloons in the Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, 1881, and the attempted re-enactment of 2017, with David Hempleman-Adams, in the same place.

Bill Reed, September 2020