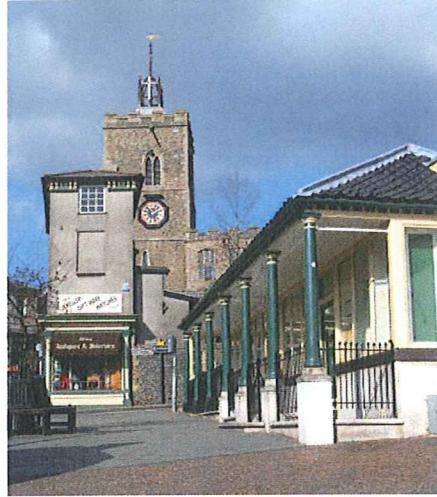


## Diss Museum Picture Gallery

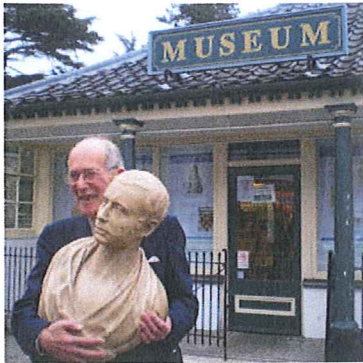


*Diss Museum is located in the historic Shambles building on Diss Market Place*



The dolls' house was made by local craftsmen early in the 19th century for the Manning children at the old rectory, now Mere Manor. A total of 24 Manning children grew up there during the century. In 1930 the toy was sold for 10/6d (about 52p) at a jumble sale and taken to Norwich. When its owner became a GI bride she took it with her to the USA where her children and grandchildren played with it. In 1994 she donated the dolls' house to Diss Museum.

### Diss Museum 2011 Displays



*Robert Manning with the bust of his great-great uncle Thomas, the Himalayan traveller. Robert went to London to fetch the bust and a portrait from the Royal Asiatic Society for Diss Museum.*

Award-winning Diss Museum is well into its latest project, Friends in High Places: The Manning Story. Rectors of Diss for 138 years, the family are commemorated on the bicentenary of Thomas being the first European to cross the Himalayas and meet the Dalai Lama. This meeting is recreated in a museum exhibition and has already been celebrated in a Manning Service and a commemorative dinner. The Royal Asiatic Society has loaned a portrait and bust of Thomas Manning for the exhibition.

Events to celebrate the Manning Story will take place throughout the year including a visit by the Tashi Ljunpo monks to the Corn Hall for workshops and a concert in October half-term week. see [www.disscommunity.net](http://www.disscommunity.net) for the full programme.



*Robert Manning portraying his grandfather, Charles Upwood Manning, in the museum-inspired church service to commemorate the family. The choir, in the foreground, re-created their first appearance, in the 1850s, when they replaced the church musicians.*



*The church musicians are seen here in a scene from the service, when Canon Charles Robertson Manning tells them that they are now surplus to requirements and will be replaced by an organ and choir. The service attracted about 120 people to St. Mary's Church on 6 March 2011.*