

## *What is Woodstock Exhibition Foundation?*

Woodstock Exhibition Foundation is an ancient charity set up with £300 from the will of Richard Cornwell, a Woodstock-born London skinner (leather merchant) who died in 1585.

The money was used originally to provide a grammar school at various sites in the town starting at the schoolroom of the dissolved chantry school on the North side of the chancel of the Church of St Mary Magdalene and ending at the Punchbowl Inn.

The grammar school eventually closed in 1901. The income of the charity has been used since then to give bursaries to individual school children, apprentices and students.

Inflation over the last 400 years slashed the purchasing power of the Foundation's income until in 1990 Col Nigel Clifford decided that the £100 per year which was being distributed had become meaningless. He began a fundraising effort which, thanks to the generosity of many residents and of several charitable trusts, now enables the Trustees to distribute up to £6,000 annually. A coffee morning and other events make a major contribution to this sum, which is greatly appreciated by Woodstock's most needy students.

The increase in tuition fees has caused an unprecedented additional need for our help. Can you help us to support these young people?